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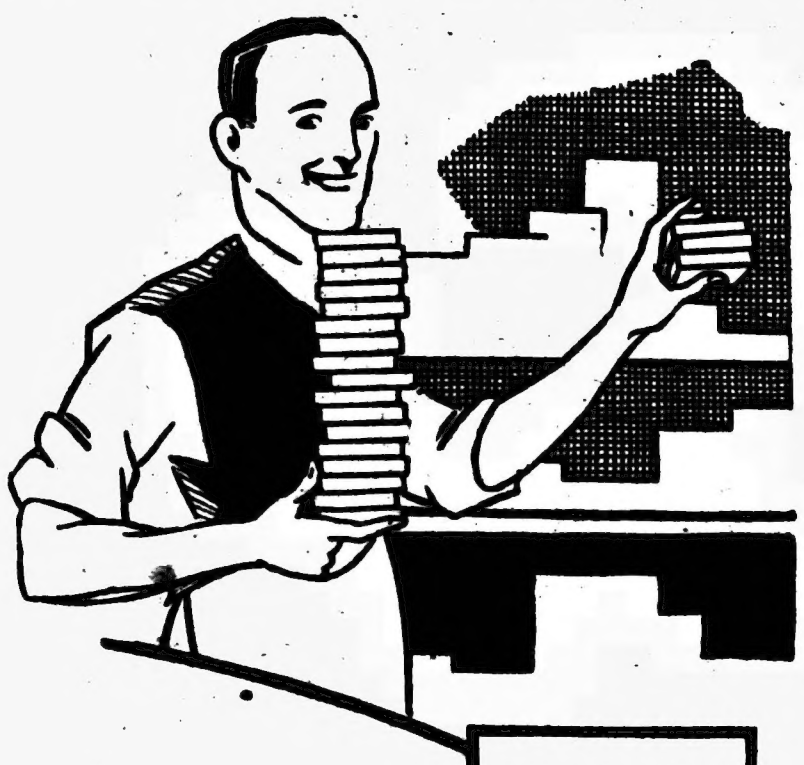

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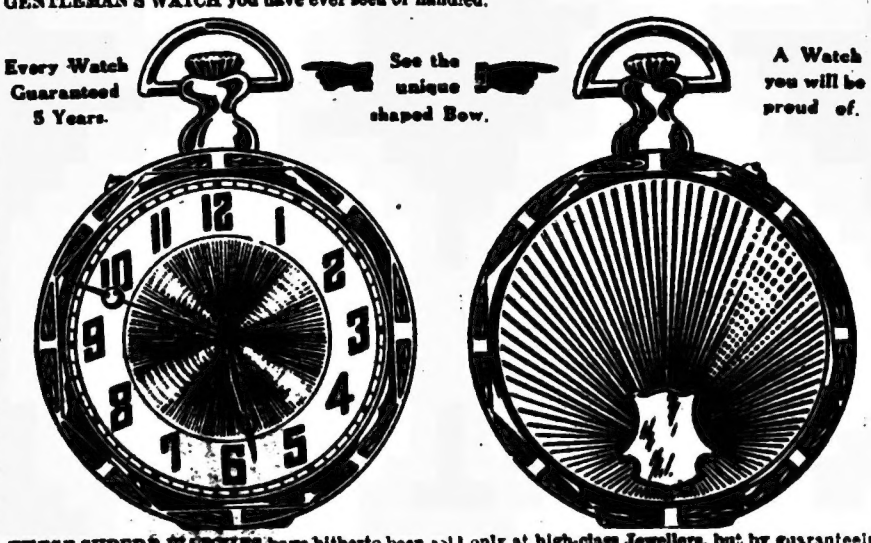

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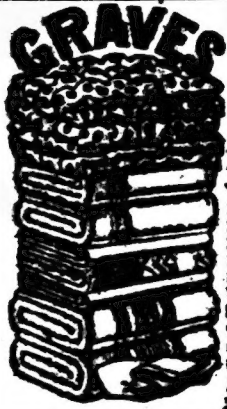

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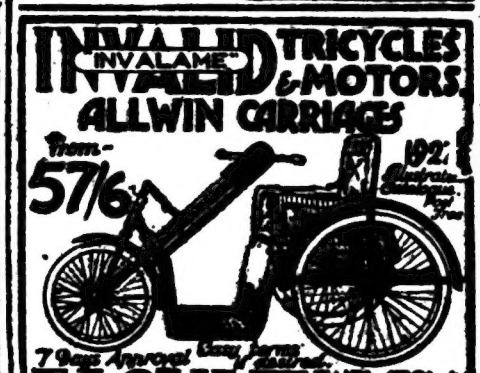

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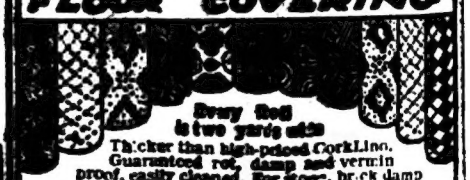

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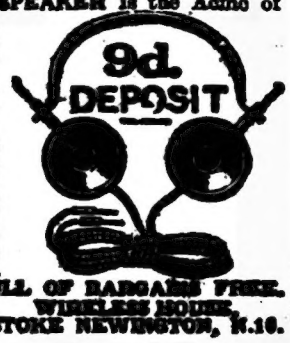

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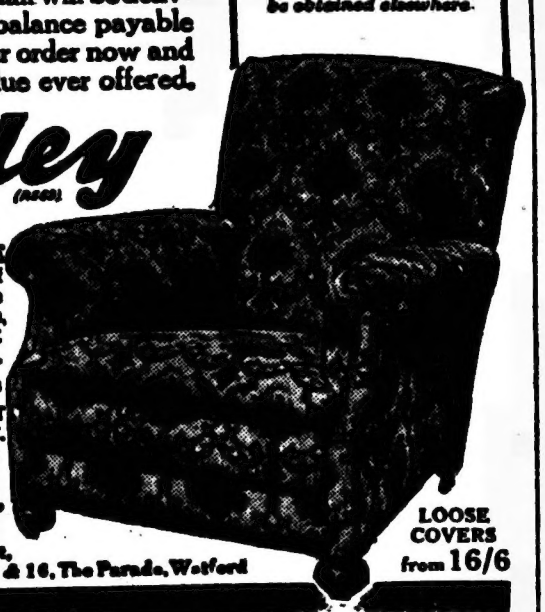

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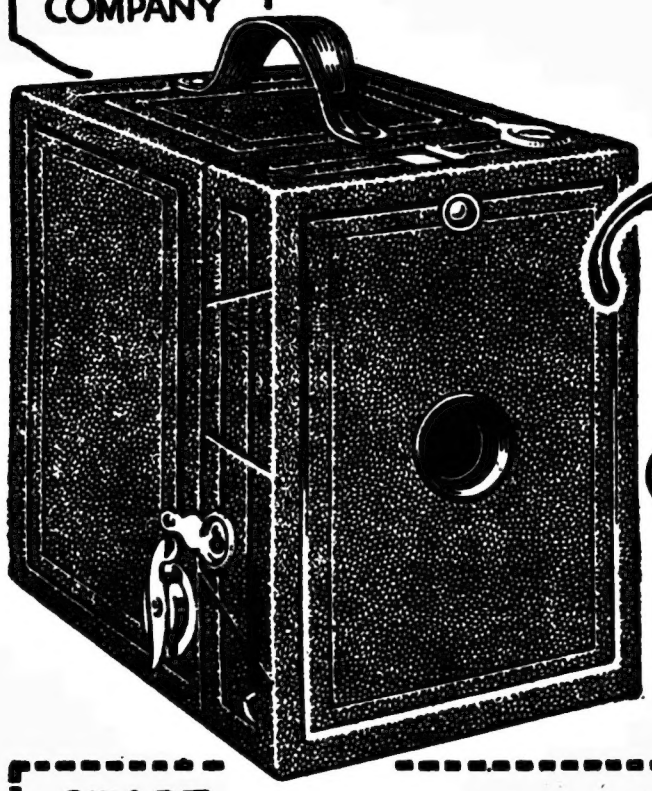

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With the Estimates in Committee and the Budget pending, Parliament should be putting the fear of death into the Government over real economy. In actual fact, we get a mere popping of damp squibs.

Not Businesslike.

The nation's spending depends on policy. Yet when asked to declare that the best way to reduce the cost of the Army is a big push for international limitation of armaments, the Parliamentary majority dully votes it down.

The Date of Fate.

On April 11 the Budget will be disclosed. It will be a dull document, largely devoted to "as you were." The Government is in too precarious a position to play tricks with the taxpayer.

Winston's Record.

Winston promised to reduce expenditure at the rate of £10,000,000 a year. His third Budget will be £40,000,000 or £50,000,000 above the pledged figure.

The Wangle.

Mr. Churchill took £2,750,000 from the Health Insurance Grant, £5,000,000 from Unemployment Insurance and £1,100,000 from the ex-soldiers. Then he gave Widows' Pensions at a cost of £8,250,000. Robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Nothing Doing.

"The Government cannot contemplate relief schemes" was a silly answer to the demand for fresh enquiry into unemployment. Apparently what it can contemplate is the endless squeezing of hapless ratepayers.

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During the last five years we have spent £400,000,000 on unemployment benefit and Poor Law relief. Wisely applied, we might have had a new world of health and beauty for the same money.

Barefaced Robbery.

The straits of those in the hands of moneylenders are desperate. A country rector borrowed £70, repaid £210, and still owed £70. Our remedy for that debt would be a prison cell, but not for the borrower.

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Winding Up.

By March 31 the Disposal and Liquidation Commission will cease to exist. As a result of its efforts £700,000,000 has been realised. The next step should be the satisfaction of civilian war victims' claims. There are plenty outstanding.

Hurry Up.

Ninety-three persons are in the Brentford workhouse because they cannot get house accommodation within their means. Let the Rent Restriction Acts lapse and there'll be more.

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Too True.

Public apathy, says the president of the Institute of British Architects, is the root cause of ugly housing. It is also the root cause of bad housing, and unemployment and the other ills from which we suffer.

The Secret.

The Food Council asks what justifies the fish trade in keeping the price of fish at 127 per cent. above pre-war level. We can tell them. The justification is the failure to make profiteering in foodstuffs illegal.

Proof of the Pudding.

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International Action Needed.

Dope-dealing is increasing and more than one country is in danger. That is why the League of Nations and its work should be better known. It is attacking the evil and needs the support of the peoples.

The Inquest.

The committee appointed to investigate the remains of "Dora" should have an easy task. Even as a bogey the corpse is offensive. Bury it.

The Poverty Disease.

Doctors are finding out that rheumatism is catching. Old clothes that can't be washed because they can't be changed carry germs. It's just one more nail that unemployment drives into the children's coffins.

"Sport."

For four years a Dunmow vixen has been hunted and always managed to elude her pursuers. When she took refuge at last in a hollow tree some ignoble-minded onlookers suggested felling it. We honour the farmer who owned that tree and refused. He has a sense of decency.

Give Them a Chance.

Scawfell Street School, Hackney, tries to give its boys a fighting chance in the battle of life by teaching them handicrafts. Good luck to the enterprise. Skilled artisans proud of their work are what the Empire needs.

A Nice Prospect.

"It follows in battle," says a naval expert, "that torpedoes are best discharged in shoals." In other words, aim at mass massacre. It comes quicker as a means of annihilating humanity.

The Unco' Guid.

Sunday lawn-tennis on Folkestone municipal courts has been banned. As a quick way to drive young folk to boredom and wrongdoing such restrictions cannot be beaten.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

The Better Tribute.

St. Thomas's Hospital students have chosen for their war memorial a £6,000 residential club and hostel which is to be opened shortly. A building full of happily housed students is surely a better tribute to our war heroes than a stone cross in a churchyard.

A Royal Example.

The Prince of Wales has requested for a modest lunch of only two courses and no speech-making in connection with his visit to Hastings for the opening of a new pavilion. What a saving of money, time and temper might be effected if this royal example were followed.

A Soft Job.

The office of the judges' "marshal" is costing the country £3,000 a year. Since the chief function of a marshal is to conduct a judge in and out of court, see that a glass of water is on his desk and perform similar small offices, for which two guineas a day and expenses are paid, we think it time the post was abolished.

Deserting Husbands.

No machinery at present exists for tracing colonial soldier husbands who have deserted English girls and their families after demobilisation. We think it time that the Dominions Secretary and both the Home and Colonial Governments took the matter in hand to ensure that such men are compelled to maintain their families.

Workhouse Menus.

A praiseworthy attempt at cheering up the daily menus has been shown by the guardians of St. Pancras Workhouse. They have instituted an alternative choice of dishes. It appears that by this method the food is eaten, not left. Here is proof that the granting of some licence to personal preferences is not incompatible with economy.

"Helping" the Community.

Norwich, like many another city, groans under the burden of local taxation. Yet because different political Parties each want their own nominees to the position of auditors of the corporation accounts, the affair must be settled by an election, the cost of which will reach £500. As a prime example of how not to do it, this takes the cake.

They Died for Peace.

When is the rubbish of handing about German guns as souvenirs going to cease? Our sympathies are with those members of the Finsbury Borough Council who proposed sending them to Woolwich Arsenal for scrapping. As though the memory of the fallen could be honoured by this insolent parade of the engines of death!

Worth Repeating.

"I would not do it again for a fortune," declared William George Dicker, the page-boy, who guided two women round a parapet into safety, when the Gloucester Hotel, Weymouth, was on fire. But we can vouch that a lad who has the pluck and nerve to attempt such a feat once would, if called upon to do it, be the very one to accomplish the same or a similar task.

A Public Danger.

"It was against public welfare for such a man to have been engaged in making bread," was said of a baker, employed at Sunninghill, who died from consumption. He and a comrade worked fourteen hours a night and twenty hours on Saturdays. What were the health officers doing to allow a tuberculous man to handle bread and cake in the making?

Savages in the Saddle.

Hunting men and women don't agree with a resolution condemning hunting as cruel, passed at Taunton. The resolution had the support of Mr. Thomas Hardy and Mr. Eden Phillpotts. Both, in letters, referred to blood sports as barbarous, and we agree with this description. Any man who has been chased by shells and bullets would hesitate before inflicting that hunted feeling on any creature of the wilds.

A Good "Rag."

The latest demonstration of Oxford University students gains our entire sympathy. Annoyed at the ban on street traders, which includes many ex-Service men, they snapped up all the flowers from the street-girls' baskets, and hawked them up and down the city at high prices, which they gave to the dispossessed. To lose the flowers from the streets is to lose the spring for many town dwellers.

Singing under Difficulties.

Once more the value of a song in life's critical moments comes to the fore. It was said of Chief Petty Officer Harry Tandy that when H.M.S. *Valerian* foundered, he kept up the spirits of his companions, while floating on a raft, by joking and singing until they were rescued. His plucky spirit has not gone unrewarded, for he has been presented with a silver cigarette case and £25.

Parents in Blinkers.

"Parents who let their children grow up without guidance on sex matters are only fit for Broadmoor," is the opinion of the Rev. F. G. Chevassut, the rector of Hulme. To suppose that young children do not think of sex is to live in a fool's paradise. If the knowledge is withheld from them in the home or the school they acquire it in the street, and that is a more dangerous academy.

A Mean Cad.

The lowest depth of meanness has been reached by Francis Curran at Paisley. He formed a habit of meeting little children sent on errands to the shops and induced them to give up their money to him by a ruse. He has been sent to prison for twenty days. We hope he will employ the time in interviewing his own conscience with a view to changing his ways, for the example he set is worse than the theft which sends him to jail.

The Human Machine

An Age-Old Error

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

"SLOW but sure!" How many times have we all been admonished with that proverb? We have all of us spent out lives believing that if we will only work slowly we shall therefore work accurately.

It has only recently occurred to some scientists to test the truth of this. The results of their work are interesting. They make it very doubtful whether "slow" necessarily means "sure."

Five hundred competitors for clerical positions were tested. The 125 most rapid workers were found to work five and a half times as fast as the 125 slowest.

And the slow group made seven times as many errors as the fast group.

In another test competitors for post-office positions were examined. The fast group worked two and three-quarter times as fast as the slow group *and made less than half the number of errors.*

THERE is clearly nothing lost by trying to work quickly—in fact, it is just the other way about. Mental "ca' canny" is just as big a fallacy as any other type.

The quicker we work the less time we have for allowing our wits to wander, and the more we are pressed for time the more we are forced to concentrate all our attention on what we are doing.

That, I suspect, is the real secret of the astonishing accuracy of the speedy worker.

If there is any moral in this it is that we should not allow ourselves to be misled by "tags" just because they are household words!

A Senseless Ban.

Liverpool's Sunday evening concerts have been banned as the result of the decision of a committee of justices, although they were organised by religious and benevolent institutions and in aid of charities. Possibly the committee has no knowledge of the number of broken-hearted mothers there are along Merseyside because of "hell parading."

A Dangerous Practice.

The Hull coroner has denounced the practice of some medical men of supplying medicine to sick people they have not seen. This was done in the case of Frederick Hancock, who was taken ill in the night time. His father called a doctor, but instead of a visit was given a bottle of physic. The doctor admitted at the inquest on the lad that he had not acted wisely. The lesson must not be forgotten by himself and others.

Misfortune's Lot.

There was a whole world of tragedy in the remark of the man who applied for advice to the Willesden magistrate after coming out of prison, where he had served a five years' sentence, "I must steal or starve." He wanted to "turn his back on crime," but no one would help him. The pity is that nothing is done, except by occasional private charity, for such cases. It would richly repay society as a whole to be concerned in providing discharged prisoners with honest work.

A Boy Worth While.

Splendid pluck was shown by Samuel Goldstein, a little lad of ten, when fire broke out at midnight in a room at his house in Spelman Street, Spitalfields. He discovered the fire first, roused the family, then dashed into the room where Mrs. Goldstein, an elderly woman, lay bedridden. It was owing to his coolness and promptitude that the fire was controlled and the sick woman, with the rest of his family, brought to safety. He's a lad worth knowing.

A Humane Move.

Catholics have formed a "Society of Our Lady of Good Counsel" for the purpose of affording legal help to poor people, and Mr. R. Mitchell Banks, K.C., M.P., is its chairman. The scandal is that the State, which maintains a public prosecutor, never helps by providing a public defender. Widows and girls, poor tenants, impoverished prisoners and defrauded and ruined investors all alike stand as witnesses to the crying need that exists.

All Very Nice.

The Ministry of Agriculture is quite lyrical in its latest advices issued to farmers, "Sow your oats when the purple plum begins to flower" and "Winter oats drilled between the flowering of the ivy and the holly" being samples of its style. What thousands of people in this country want first is a bit of land on which to sow anything. But that aspect of the question isn't touched. The Government prefers to go on putting top stones on foundations that aren't there.

Dangerous Secrecy.

It looks as if the forecast of the *Law Times*, that the effect of the restriction of reports of divorce cases would be to increase the number of petitions, is coming true. At the beginning of the Hilary sittings this year 488 undefended cases with a supplemental list of 282 have been entered in London, as against 452 for last year. But it is a sad thing for the nation if it takes the eleventh commandment, "Thou shalt not be found out," for its working basis.

A Martyr to Duty.

Heroes have not had their day, as Dr. Butler, of West Bromwich, has proved. Last June he was called to the help of two painters injured in a fall from scaffolding. On getting out of his car he was knocked down by a motor-cycle and broke a leg. This did not prevent him from attending to the men, with the result that the strain made him an invalid till his death. To a profession which specially calls for devotion to duty, we regret the loss of one who showed this quality in so great a degree.

Notice to Quit.

Two hundred people, victims of the housing shortage, have been given notice to quit their old Army huts at Ernesettle Camp, where they have been living for some time past. No doubt the huts form very undesirable residences, but when the authorities are not offering any alternative accommodation, it is difficult to view such a peremptory order with favour.

A Brutal Father.

John Orr Murphy, a Hamilton labourer, has just gone to jail for a month for the ghastly offence of thrashing his three-year-old daughter with a belt that was heavily tipped with brass. Many people will think that this brutal father would have learnt a better lesson if he had been made to suffer some of the same physical anguish that he caused his helpless mite of three.

Coroner's Alarming Criticism.

In bringing in a verdict of suicide at an inquest on a sawmill labourer named Weaver, the Dudley coroner recently drew attention to the amazing fact that Weaver was in the local Guest Hospital for thirty-nine hours without being examined. While an examination might not have made any difference in this particular instance, it is surely alarming to think that such indifferent treatment could be accorded in the case of an emergency?

A Fine Record.

Mr. Frederick E. Johnson, education officer, cannot be too warmly congratulated on his success in keeping Willesden lads off the "dole." In three years he has placed 9,000 boys in suitable employment and reduced juvenile unemployment "doles" for 1925-26 to £288. So much is thought of his judgment that a request to "send along another boy like So-and-so" is the start of many a lad's career. Other boroughs might well echo, "Send us another Mr. Johnson."

Child Protection.

George William Edwin Danks, a twenty-one-year-old Stockton youth, has gone to twelve months' hard labour for offences concerning three little girls whom he enticed into a hut. They were saved from serious harm by Mrs. Chilton, the mother of one of them, who rushed up and battered the lad with a flat iron. Neither that nor the imprisonment is the real cure for Danks. He is an epileptic and should have been looked after medically from the start.

Blackening "Bride's" Eyes.

Twice a bigamist and by habit a wife-beater, such is the record of James Lappin, who was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for the former offence at the Glasgow Sheriff Court. He smashed the face of his first bigamous wife on the night of the "marriage," blackening both her eyes, and it was his cruelty which drove his real wife to contract two irregular unions. It seems a pity that, for the protection of women, Lappin cannot be kept under control for the remainder of his days.

A Gallant Crew.

In a dense fog the *Buckie* motor lifeboat went out to the assistance of a Granton trawler. For thirteen hours, with nothing more to eat than two biscuits each and a little chocolate, the crew stuck to their posts, and they returned only when convinced that the danger was past, and that the crew of the trawler would not leave their ship. Splendid and gallant fellows every man Jack of them, and we can pay no higher compliment than to say that their conduct was just what we would have expected.

A Public Menace.

If ever the sheriff of Aberdeen comes across William Middler, a farmer, when the latter chances to be out in his car, the magistrate may have cause to regret his leniency. When charged with being drunk when driving, and with injuring a horse and endangering the lives of two men, Middler was described as a menace to the public on the road. To fine such a man and suspend his licence for a limited period only is asking for trouble, and the pity of it is that those who have no control over the matter are the people most likely to get it.

'Ware Map-vendors.

The Ministry of Transport warns the public against individuals who are trying to sell road maps under its auspices, by promising delivery up to sample of maps to be issued by the Ministry if enough orders are obtained. They ask prices of from half-a-guinea to two guineas and are not authorised to canvass in any way.

Misplaced Ingenuity.

The London police are looking for a clever swindler, a woman of about twenty-five, who is selling bogus 22-carat rings to pawnbrokers. The hall-mark is about thirty years old and the rings are found to be only a gold shell with silver wire worked in beneath. Manufacturer's initials, in this case "M.G.," are stamped beside the hall-mark and the polished article completes an ingenious "have."

A Bird in the Hand.

More than twelve months have elapsed since a Carlisle reader forwarded a small consignment of canaries to Mrs. Ruth E. Botterill, of the Bird Mart, East Street, London, S.E., in the hope of effecting a ready sale. Mrs. Botterill acknowledged receipt of the birds, but our reader has been unable to obtain payment. He has written repeatedly, and now any letters of enquiry are simply ignored. Other breeders should be warned.

Workhouse Pay.

If you are a good accountant, know the ins and outs of Poor Law, are a good administrator and have a spotless character, you can try to be master of the workhouse at Torrington, down Devon way. The pay is 32s. 6d. a week, including emoluments. A job at £75 a year is also going at the same place, which needs a matron who has to be a trained nurse. It costs the guardians more than this to keep a pauper, so that it is better to be in "the lump" than on the staff.

A Hasty Conclusion.

Because the authorities at a Newcastle-on-Tyne employment exchange were "told" that an applicant, Mr. A. McNicoll, had been dismissed from his former post for misconduct, they forthwith denied him all assistance. Since then Mr. McNicoll has traced the libel to its source and, after some difficulty, has succeeded in clearing his name. We sincerely trust that it is not the usual practice of employment exchanges to accept such damning statements without first seeking ample verification.

A Curious Bureau.

A person named Phineas William Ford has lately commenced operating as the "Foreign Employment Bureau," of Abbey House, London, S.W. He "believes" that he has a service which people looking for foreign positions cannot afford "to pass up"; but enquiries at Abbey House reveal the fact that letters are merely collected there, while Mr. Phineas Ford's answers to applicants bear the "Brighton and Hove" postmark. People should ask for fuller details before sending the 5s. fee which Mr. Ford craves.

An Expensive Puff.

The hairdressing world has now been invaded by the "blocks for illustration" exponents and an interesting complaint in this connection reaches us from a Handsworth wigmaker. He consented to the publication of a publicity puff in a journal entitled *Dress and Coiffeur*, only to find subsequently that the generous publishers had inserted two blocks for illustration of such large dimensions that they totalled fifty-three square inches. For these two blocks he was asked to pay £7 5s. 9d. Other traders please note.

"John Bull" Free Insurance Gift

192 MORE BENEFITS

PAID THIS WEEK.

Prob'ems of Life

Sex and Character

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

THE published diary of the late Arthur Christopher Benson contains some surprising revelations.

He was a man of many friendships, but seems to have been essentially solitary in temperament.

Rev. R. J. Campbell, D.D.

Of course we are all solitary; we cannot completely disclose ourselves to one another, nor can we infallibly understand and satisfy one another.

But Benson's isolation went deeper. He confesses that he had never bared his soul to anyone, never attained to close spiritual intimacy with anyone, never even kissed anyone.

This is most unusual: our actions and reactions in relation to our fellow-beings are the occasion of nine-tenths of our sorrows and joys.

But, strangely enough, the gifted writer, who thus—perhaps involuntarily—reveals himself to the world after his death, managed during his life to attract a large reading public by a strain of sentimentality that ran through his books.

THIS public consisted largely of women, and yet one secret confided repeatedly to the diary, and now openly confessed, is the fact that he disliked women.

Men, he says, take one another just as they are, for better or worse; they are not exacting in friendship. Women, on the other hand, are always making demands, trying to improve or at least to alter a man friend, tending to monopolise, demanding confidences and giving them.

There may be some truth in this generalisation, and it relates to a deep-seated psychological difference between the sexes—not all in favour of the male.

A man, as a rule, is more self-centred than a woman, but has a wider outlook on the world.

A member of a great public body remarked to me recently that he found women exasperating in committee. They never reason, he said; they always want to decide a question on emotional grounds—usually personal.

"A good thing for us, old fellow," I replied, "If they summed you and me up judicially, we should fare badly."

I have sat with women on school management committees, and have noticed that they quickly spot things that men are apt to overlook, particularly in relation to individual needs.

They never lose sight of the human being behind the system; men, I am afraid, often do.

THE defect of this quality in women is the tendency Benson resented, to dwell too much on personalities in ordinary conversation: hence, the mischief of gossip and tittle-tattle.

When a man succumbs to this vice he is hateful. The fellow who can talk about nothing but personalities is one who deserves to be shunned.

Silly chatter about one's neighbours is the mark of a small mind and usually of an empty one.

High character in either sex feeds on finer things.

THE DAY-TICKET CROOK

AN ALIENS' PASSPORT AGENT

Tricks of the Trade

BRITAIN'S notorious hospitality to the undesirables of other nations has been more widely extended through the unconscious medium of the Southern Railway.

For some time the company has been running cheap day-excursions to Boulogne, "Sundays included," and week-end tickets to the Continent. These have proved very popular with the public. They are cheap, the service is comfortable and the journey is rapid.

Above all, there is no pother about passports. All that is required by the traveller is that he fills in, "with ink or indelible pencil," an identity coupon issued with the ticket.

An abused privilege

This is an excellent idea so far as the plain excursionist is concerned, who requires no Government guarantee of his honesty.

Unfortunately, it is also an excellent idea from the point of view of the person of foreign nationality who would not knowingly be given a British visa to his passport.

Passports, of course, can be forged by Continental crooks who dare not appear under their proper identification in this country, but it is a difficult business and there is really no necessity for them to go to this trouble.

The cheap day and week-end excursions are at their service, providing they have an English confederate.

If any hints are wanted as to how it is done, they need only approach a bright young Englishman by name of John Francis O'Connor, who has made a fine art of the importation of undesirable aliens.

O'Connor has himself fallen foul of the law at one time or another, and has, therefore, a more tolerant attitude towards undesirables than most of us.

We have discovered that for six months at least he has been acting as a kind of tourist agent for the underworld of Paris and the French ports.

The safer excursion

He has made numerous cross-Channel trips, usually with a one-day ticket to Boulogne, and always he has returned with a companion of the other sex who would have excited the interest of the police had her arrival been announced in the social columns.

A year or two ago, the system by which these ladies frequently defeated the British police was to go through a form of marriage with some Englishman and thereby become nationalised.

A few stiff sentences on eligible young men who had been making marriage ceremonies with French-women a habit practically ended the traffic.

John Francis O'Connor hit on a far, far better and safer way. He preferred railway to matrimonial excursions and found his opportunity in the "no passports" one-day trips to Boulogne.

His method has the simplicity of genius. He has a woman associate on this side, who is not "known to the police" in the accepted sense,

Jeannette Berthier

and who has a *bonâ-fide* passport to France.

The two of them take their places in the early morning queue of excursionists at Victoria and buy tickets to Boulogne. At Folkestone they are given numbered boat-tickets, the check made by the railway company which ensures the numbers of the passengers on the outward and return journeys.

An extended trip

But there is no check on the identity of the passengers. That would be almost impossible.

Here is O'Connor's opportunity. He can cross the Channel with one lady and return with another!

How are the boat officials to tell that the lady, well wrapped up and obviously suffering from the effects of the journey, who makes the outward journey is a different person from the companion, also well wrapped up and also a bad traveller, who comes aboard the evening boat from Boulogne?

The English woman leaves him at Boulogne and having a regular passport, simply purchases a single-journey ticket to London from one or other of the Channel ports. Her day-ticket return half is handed over to the French undesirable for whose benefit the trip has been made.

To our knowledge O'Connor has conducted his "agency" since August last. The majority of his fair clients, each of whom willingly pays him a £40 fee, are frequenters of a notorious café in the Faubourg St. Martin, Paris.

There is Harriette, a charming brunette, who was for a time in Constantinople during the British occupation, and who speaks English well. Her half-day trip has extended to seven months, for she is still in London, although she is not registered as an alien at Bow Street.

Then followed Mademoiselle Jeannette Berthier, a native of St. Omer. She had the advantage of previous residence in this country, having, in fact, been deported as an undesirable alien a couple of years ago.

A cute recognition

On arrival she took a flat in Maida Vale, but alas! for her £40 fee and for her hopes of a lengthy exile from France, she was recognised by a police officer at the end of two months and deported once again.

There is no reason, of course, why she should not return again. The one-day trips to Boulogne are so convenient!

Another undesirable of a different type to patronise the O'Connor bureau was an elderly lady known in the underworld as Madame Jeanne who has twice been deported—the first time just after the war for running a disorderly house in Ship Street, Brighton, and again, just eighteen months ago, for conducting a similar establishment in Torrington Square, London.

Madame still has Anglo-French "interests" which necessitate an occasional visit to London. She cannot obtain a British visa for her passport, but why worry? Mr. O'Connor is at her service with the return half-ticket from Boulogne!

She made a flying visit in December last and another a month ago, and there is no reason why her friends on this side should not have a cup of tea with her at Eastertide.

There is pathos in the story of Marcelle, another of O'Connor's passengers who had been deserted by a man and left to her own resources in Paris.

She heard that he was now in London and it was to join him rather than to become an unwanted alien in London that she paid her £40 for the return half.

The man would not have anything to do with her and she returned to France of her own accord and without any hint from the London police.

We do not suggest, in calling attention to this highly irregular traffic across the Channel, that the Southern Railway is to blame.

The thing worth while

It is, after all, a company catering for the travelling and holiday public and not a police force.

Amendment of the "no passports" rule is not called for, but at the same time, it might be worth while for the police to increase their staff at Folkestone and Victoria so that without any tiresome inspection of the real tourists, the possibility of undesirables escaping detection would be reduced to a minimum.

Our laws relating to the unwanted alien are farcical enough as it is.

Film School Disclosures

The Faked Reference Game

IN referring last week to the unfortunate experience of a film-struck youth who was led to take a course at the Victoria Cinema College and Studios, Ltd., of Rathbone Place, Oxford Street, London, we hinted that particulars of several other cases were before us.

In one instance recently a young Derbyshire girl who forwarded a snapshot for approval was told that it was "extremely good" and that it would be "well worth" her while to take a postal course, to be followed by three free lessons in the studios.

The girl threw up an excellent post and devoted herself to studying in real earnest.

The postal course completed, she came to London and, after the three free lessons, was urged to have a studio portrait taken, as without that she could not be assisted to obtain work.

Cruel disillusionment

Fortunately for this aspirant, she decided to call upon one or two agents. The agents told her candidly that her chances of breaking into the films were remote indeed, and that she would only be throwing further money away by having expensive studio portraits taken.

They further informed her that the artistes already on their books numbered thousands and that less than a dozen could be placed each week.

Disillusioned, this poor girl has returned home, and is now faced with unemployment.

The photograph which the Victoria Cinema College spoke of so enthusiastically at the outset was only a vest pocket snapshot, on which no sincere opinion could be formed.

But the Victoria Cinema College would appear, at any rate lately, to have few scruples.

Apart from deliberately encouraging some obviously unfitted aspirants, little respect for veracity has been shown to some students at the college.

Deliberate lies

Cases are before us where students have been expressly counselled not to divulge the fact that they have come from the college when approaching agents, while in other instances it has been suggested that they should tell deliberate lies.

One gentleman, for example, was advised to state that he had had experience with two Italian film companies, and to another it was suggested that he should state that he had taken part in certain British productions.

These cases were dealt with at the college in the absence of Mr. Hugh Jones, the director, who has been on the sick list, and we must urge him to make the strictest investigation into the matter.

But in any case we feel sure that he would be the first to admit that if the Victoria College stoops to such methods, agents and producers alike would be entitled to look upon it with disfavour.

TWISTING A THRIFTY WIDOW

SON AND SAVINGS GONE

In the Oil Touts' Toils

CRUEL, indeed, is the freak of Fate whereby those endowed with a thrifty character are often the most trusting and the most unsuspecting.

Inadequately protected by the laws of the land, they seem destined to fall an easy prey to company-mongers and share-touts.

A soldier's widow, Mrs. Mary Hannah Uings, of Chatham, has had an extremely bitter experience in this connection.

With her fingers rendered useless by rheumatoid arthritis, she is unable now to carry out her ordinary household duties.

The effect of this terrible affliction is all the more acute because her total income is only 17s. 6d. weekly. It comprises her health insurance disablement benefit and the pension she receives for the sad loss of her eldest son in a submarine disaster.

Her weekly revenue does not leave much with which to pay for such items as rent, laundry and keeping her little one-room home clean and tidy—yet pay for them it must, for, without the use of her hands and being alone in the world, she is obliged to employ outside help.

A real soldier's wife

But, despite her comparative poverty, her terrible incapacity and her years—she is sixty-seven—Mrs. Uings has borne up wonderfully in face of much adversity.

Her husband, Private William Uings, of the Royal West Kents, died seventeen years ago, and the wives of regular soldiers of the old school know what trouble is, and how to face it.

Mrs. Uings travelled to Gibraltar, Malta, South Africa, France and India with her husband, and she was the regimental nurse.

She remembers well herself and her eldest son, then a boy of seven years, being invalided home in 1897 with enteric fever.

It is with the shabby treatment Mrs. Uings has received since her husband died that we are mainly concerned.

Left penniless, she went back to domestic service. As she still enjoyed good health, she was just the woman with the experience to make good.

The share-pusher's chance

Being gifted with foresight, she resolved to save all the money she could. She realised that in her old age she might be unable to work, a prevision that has proved only too tragically true.

It was not to the plausible representations of any insurance agent canvassing for pennies or twopences per week that she responded. 'Twas into the toils of those playing for much higher stakes that she fell.

The fortune-earning capacities of various Continental schemes were related to her by a notorious share-pushing concern called Hatton Morris and Co., a firm registered in Guernsey.

From August, 1911, until May, 1914, she was putting by as much as 3s. 6d. per week, paid to the concern as instalments for shares which have proved not worth the paper on which they are printed.

Needless to say, when a bucket-shop finds a person ready to hand over 3s. 6d. per week for years, they let no opportunities slip by.

Mrs. Uings was induced to transfer her original investments to the Galician Oil Lands and Royalties Trust, Limited.

A wasted effort

After the war this concern was amalgamated with six other hopeless companies.

A post-card which poor Mrs. Uings had in 1921, from the former secretary of the hopeless oil concerns tells its own story.

"Your free shares," it reads, "are still participating in all the drawings that have been renewed since the Armistice, but so far we have noted your particular numbers have not yet come out and are, therefore, still in the wheel. However, we have noted your address upon our book, and will notify you at once as soon as either are drawn."

Mrs. Uings has been the victim of the whole gamut of inducements held out to unsuspecting small investors who can ill afford to sacrifice their hard-earned shillings and pence.

Beautifully printed share certificates, free shares, bonuses, dividend allowances, "wealth-for-all" bonds, dividend coupons—she has seen them all. Now she is in the position of thousands of other unfortunate victims of the oil ramps and share touts.

The money she put by for her old age and which would bring her succour in this her hour of greatest need might as well have been poured down the sink.

On February 26, 1923, a liquidator's meeting of the amalgamated oil companies was held, and as a result an

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effort was to be made to set them on their feet. The Oils and Minerals Trust, Ltd., was formed, but the efforts to resuscitate the concerns had come too late.

More than 5,000 shareholders in the Oils and Minerals Trust, Limited, have lately received a communication from Guernsey to the effect that there are no funds and it appears useless to endeavour to continue the company's existence.

A crying shame

They are reminded, too, that they may exercise their right to call a general meeting, but no doubt they will consider it would be throwing good money after bad to take such a course, for the deplorable history is already too patent to them.

We are constantly complaining of the weakness of the company laws, and it is a crying shame that the poorest and least-informed sections of the British public should be imposed upon by ramping concerns.

A FORTUNE-FAKING FIRM

"Fishing" in Shetland

WHEN a Shetland reader came upon an announcement in a local paper to the effect that £30 per month could be made with an outlay of £10 he at once wrote off for particulars.

He was favoured with a copy of a booklet entitled "Money-making," issued by a firm of investment brokers called James Broadwood and Co., Ltd., and after one or two preliminary letters had been exchanged he decided to advance £10 for investment in "margin operations."

And that was that! The month's end saw no £30 profit, nor, indeed, has the gentleman received any return for his money, which has been swallowed up as completely as if he had cast it into the sea.

Discourtesy explained

He has written again and again for an explanation of the transaction, but his letters have simply been ignored!

Why, we wonder, has he been treated with such discourtesy? The answer is not far to seek.

Indeed, we need look little further than the official files of limited companies.

There we find that James Broadwood and Co., Ltd., was formed in June last year, "to carry on business in London, and elsewhere, as stock and share brokers and option dealers."

The fatal bar

The directors are Mr. Reginald Walford White, a solicitor, of Malden Road, Wallington, and another person named William Richard North-Row, of Byron Road, Wealdstone.

The capital of this firm of brokers, which touts for custom so far afield, totals the staggering sum of £100, so, apparently, the company has not followed its advertised secret of earning £30 per month with a £10 outlay.

As a matter of fact, it couldn't if it tried, for, according to the last available returns, only £2 of its capital has been paid up.

Who are the venturesome subscribers who have taken up these £1 shares?

Not Mr. Walford White, it would seem, and not Mr. North-Row! These solitary shares are held by two of the former's clerks!

It is not surprising that a company with a £2 capital, which it has gained from two clerks, should make little progress, but it is surely remarkable to find a solicitor acting as a director in this sort of business.

In any case, the present stock-broking venture has nothing to commend it.

Apart from the facts already related, it has now come to our notice that James Broadwood and Co., Ltd., have lately been sending out circulars from another office in Buckingham Gate, S.W.

Attractive suggestions

For some reason or other, the existence of this Buckingham Gate office is not at present recorded in the files at Somerset House.

These later circulars refer to an option offer in certain oil shares, and have the usual attractive suggestion of big profits and quick returns.

The offer runs:

"£100 secures the Call of Burmah Oils for sixty days (larger or smaller accounts in exact proportion) and your return during that period, sixty days, will not be less than £500, and probably will be £800.

"We charge you 7½ per cent. on your profits only for the expense and commission of arranging your call.

£100 expended to-day in Burmah Oils means £500 to £800 within sixty days. Think this out and act immediately."

"Some" profit

This is all very nice but, why, oh why, should Broadwood and Company play the part of philanthropists and make 400 per cent. or 700 per cent. profit for strangers and only charge 7½ per cent. for doing it?

Needless to say, the offer is one that should be left severely alone, and people who wish to dabble in investments of any description should be advised to do so only through the medium of genuine brokers who are officially recognised on the Stock Exchange.

A £2 OPTIMIST

THEATRICAL PRODUCER UNMASKED

The Curtain Falls on Adolph

AMBITION and optimism are two very fine qualities. But they must be backed up by good faith and integrity. Failing these the consequences are apt to be disastrous—to others

THE operations of dubious employment agencies which extract fees from workless people in return for unfulfilled promises constitute a grave scandal.

The following story should serve as a warning to members of the theatrical profession in particular.

In the middle of December last a person named Adolph Neiman registered a limited liability company in the name of Adolph Neiman, Limited, and he has recently established himself in offices in Charing Cross Road, London, W.C.

Mr. Neiman, who describes himself as a theatrical producer, is a man of unbounded optimism.

His company was formed to "carry on in the United Kingdom or elsewhere the businesses of theatrical agents, producers of theatrical plays, operas, musical plays and public performances of all kinds, at opera-houses, theatres, music-halls."

Other objects were to "act as scenic artists," and, amongst a host of other things, to "manufacture, sell and deal in stage costumes, etc."

Wonderful optimism

No one, we suggest, who was not an incorrigible optimist would dream of such an ambitious programme on a nominal capital of only £100!

Yet Mr. Adolph Neiman goes further, for he has launched out, according to available records, on the above venture with a subscribed capital of exactly £2!

But Mr. Neiman, we find, is a man whose financial viewpoint is, to say the least, strikingly original.

Some months ago, for example, he took rooms in the house of a gentleman at Croydon.

The matter of rent he apparently considered too trifling to bother about, and, after running up considerable arrears, he simply departed.

As something like £40 was owing to him the landlord endeavoured to bring pressure to bear.

But with all his efforts he has been unable to persuade this casual "theatrical producer" to meet his obligations.

We are bound to confess that we are not surprised to learn of his plight, for Mr. Neiman has a somewhat unsatisfactory reputation in the theatrical world.

A pitiful plea

One of his creditors is a well-known theatrical agent who, meeting Mr. Neiman some time ago, was persuaded to give him a position in his office.

The agent found Mr. Neiman a good worker and was quite satisfied with his general behaviour until he suddenly discovered that his employee was carrying out some of his duties with an alarming amount of elasticity.

In one case, for instance, a famous artiste, whose name is known throughout the length and breadth of the country, owed Mr. Neiman's employer some money for booking fees.

The agent, annoyed that he was being kept waiting unduly for his money, actually sued the artiste for the sum due before he discovered that a cheque had long before been paid to Mr. Neiman!

Base ingratitude

As a result of this irregularity Mr. Neiman was dismissed, but he pestered his erstwhile employer with pitiful letters, begging forgiveness, and pleading for his wife and children.

No one knew better than he the value of sentiment in such matters as this, and his sense of the drama overcame the theatrical agent, who was, as he now admits, "foolish enough to give Neiman another chance."

Mr. Neiman, we regret to record, showed his gratitude by repeating his former offence with interest.

He borrowed money on the strength of his employer's good name.

Once again he was sacked—this time for ever—and it was following this second dismissal that Neiman formed his limited company for the ambitious and variegated objects already described.

Mr. J. M Galti, Chairman of the L.C.C., the Public Control Committee of which refused a licence to Mr. Neiman

Recently he applied to the L.C.C. for a licence to carry on an employment agency, and his application was opposed on the grounds that he was not a suitable person to hold such a responsible licence.

A pointed question

In the course of the proceedings, Mr. Cyril Jacobs, of the Public Control Committee, asked Mr. Neiman a pointed question, "Do you admit misappropriating £150?"

Mr. Neiman's reply was equally pointed, "It all depends upon the meaning placed upon the word 'misappropriation.'"

Whatever Mr. Neiman's conception of the word may be, the hard fact remains that the Public Control Committee accepted the evidence before it and refused his licence.

Adolph Neiman, Limited, cannot function, therefore, as an employment agency; but, under Neiman's guiding powers, it can function unhampered in every other way, and with these facts before us it will be seen that Mr. Neiman's connection with the concern is one which is not calculated to bring it much credit.

AN ARMY OF DUNS

THE INCURABLE TOUT

An Old Merchant's New Move

A DEBT-COLLECTING company! No doubt about it being kept busy—and its canvassers, too. Creditors, however, need to keep a watchful eye on those who promise so useful a service

ADVERTISEMENTS offering good pay for agents to call upon shopkeepers have lately been inserted in newspapers, and applicants have been instructed to write to "Shaw, Regent Street, S.W."

Applicants receive a long cyclostyled letter, together with a printed prospectus from the International Commercial Accountancy Offices, setting forth details of a new home-employment scheme.

It appears that the company requires canvassing agents for its debt-recovery department, and the duties are really very simple.

An easy job

Agents have only to call upon shopkeepers and traders in their districts, leave copies of the prospectus, and, subsequently, by making repeated calls, endeavour to obtain permission to undertake the recovery of outstanding debts.

Once this permission is obtained the agents' duties are practically over, as they have merely to forward particulars of each case to the International Commercial Accountancy Offices, which undertakes the actual recovery of the debts in question.

The company offers to supply its agents with printed matter free of all charge, and to pay its workers 1s. for all genuine cases sent in, together with an allowance for travelling expenses, postage, etc.

It is suggested that ardent workers can earn from £2 10s. to £5 per week in this way, without incurring any outlay or expense whatever.

A Bradford reader, who started canvassing for the International Commercial Accountancy Offices in January, forwarded various cases for the company's attention, until by February 17 he had reached a total of eighty-one.

The company had made special mention of "prompt attention" and "quick settlement."

But it was not until March 3 that he received payment.

A similar experience was shared by another reader.

Queer business methods

Of course, delays of this sort are not very serious, but they reflect unbusinesslike methods, and it would seem that some people are not quite so lucky as the two gentlemen above mentioned.

We have discovered that the Vine Street police have received a number of complaints regarding the International Commercial Accountancy Offices from people who have been unable to obtain satisfaction.

One feels prompted, therefore, to look a little more closely into the company's affairs in order to determine its true position in the world of commercial finance.

According to the prospectus which the chance-appointed agents are asked to lay before shopkeepers and traders, the International Commercial Accountancy Offices boasts the finest organisation in the United Kingdom for the recovery of all debts.

A big boast

Traders are assured that they need feel no hesitation in passing their accounts to the company for collection as it claims to be the "biggest firm in this line of business in the United Kingdom."

We have shown that the organisation is none too efficient, and it is perhaps a little surprising that the "biggest firm in the Kingdom" should conduct its business through any Tom, Dick or Harry whom it seems to appoint without any stringent enquiries as to integrity or fitness.

But, to tell the truth, these little items are the least surprising aspects of the matter.

On reference to Somerset House we find that the International Commercial Accountancy Offices, notwithstanding its suggestion of world-wide scope and immense organisation, was only registered on January 12 this year!

We wonder how many of the canvassers who took up the proposition when it was first advertised realised that they were touting for a company which, on its own showing, only commenced business on January 12?

And we wonder how many orders they would have gathered had the traders they approached been cognisant of this remarkable truth?

A striking discovery

Even this does not constitute the final surprise! For the Somerset House return shows that the International Commercial Accountancy Offices was registered by Mr. Leslie Archibald Spikesman, the notorious home-work exponent, who issued a writ for libel against us in respect of some recent comments.

After we submitted a plea of justification Spikesman discontinued his action, and we were put to considerable difficulty in getting our costs.

In the end we were forced to put the bailiffs in at his flat in Chiswick, where he made a final effort to evade payment by stating that his furniture was all on the hire system.

When the bailiffs suggested checking the furniture with his hire-purchase agreements, however, and told him that they proposed to take possession of his flat for the amount in question, Mr. Spikesman paid up!

This, then, is the type of gentleman who is offering to collect debts on behalf of traders throughout the country, and it is interesting to consider what might have happened had we entrusted the collection of our debt to the International Commercial Accountancy Offices!

ANOTHER GREAT HOUSING RAMP

POWELL'S EMPTY PLOTS

A Building Bubble Bursts

A GIGANTIC plan to promote the sale of no less than 4,200 plots of land and the building of 4,200 villa and bungalow residences near Bournemouth was conceived by a Mr. Richard John Powell about eighteen months ago, and it certainly did succeed in attracting a number of ambitious investors.

Unfortunately for them, however, the hopes and inducements held out by Mr. Powell did not mature, and they now find themselves without their cash and without the privileges and advantages they expected.

In October, 1925, Mr. Powell arrived on the scene of operations. He agreed to purchase for £5,000 an estate known as Potterne Farm, and he put down a deposit of £10.

An alluring advertisement

Completion of purchase was due on December 1, but the money was not then forthcoming.

In the meantime, Mr. Powell had launched an extensive advertising campaign.

Directorships with fees of £250 and £500 per annum were offered through advertisements. "The security for your investment," Mr. Powell averred, "is absolute. There is no cash purchase price."

In December, 1925, Mr. Powell was boosting 263 acres with house, outbuildings and two cottages, and on the representation that this property was already worth £22,500, he induced a north-country gentleman to invest £650.

Early in the following February another gentleman replied to the following advertisement, which is typical of several inserted in various provincial journals:

Directorship £500 per annum.—Building Company, with 1,000 acres freehold land in beautiful district near Bournemouth, requires a local director, qualification £2,500 in 7½ per cent. First Mortgage Debentures. Security absolute. Exceptionally light duties.—R. J. Powell, West Moors, Wimborne, Dorset.

In the course of considerable correspondence exchanged before the gentleman who answered the advertisement came to a decision, Mr. Powell informed him that the value of the estate (which had grown to 1,000 acres) was £75,000 and that the security for his investment of £2,500 would be absolute.

There were 4,200 plots for sale and the money was for working capital only, as payment for the houses would be received as they were built.

The interested party could join the board of the company, which would act as builders.

The capital was £10,000 in 1s. shares, which were taken by the vendors, and five shares could be purchased by a director for each £1 invested in mortgage.

In addition to the salary of £500 per annum, all expenses would be paid, and the director would only have to devote one hour per month to the business!

The safety slogan

To use Mr. Powell's own expression, "Safety first" was the essence of the offer.

"The security always remains perfect, and even with only twenty houses erected per annum, the interest and fees are secured several times over, while the capital is never in any risk."

"The company is the actual owner of the land and is free of any restrictions of any description whatever." These were the actual words used by Mr. Powell on February 15 last year.

Asked for the name of the company, Mr. Powell on February 17 replied to the effect that it was the Crane Park Estates, Limited.

Two days later a company of that name was certainly registered.

Mr. Powell, in his letter of February 17, continued:

"The company, subject to the debentures issued to the directors, is the absolute owner of over 1,000 acres freehold without any charges of any description whatever. It is the same company which will act as builders. The present directors are interested in the same way and terms as you yourself would be and the post of director is permanent.

"With reference to the sale of the debentures, should it arise, it would only be necessary for you to instruct the secretary of the company to negotiate the sale and with such a security there would not be the slightest difficulty in disposing of them."

A staggering discovery

Correspondence in similar strain was exchanged between the parties until April, when the prospective director decided to accept the offer, and parted with a deposit of £250.

After some dilly-dallying over the registration of the debentures, he decided to investigate the position of the company at Somerset House.

Not only did he find that it was not registered until some days after Powell had made the original offer, but he found that its nominal capital, instead of being £10,000, was only £1,000, and *only two 1s. shares had been issued.*

The only directors registered were Powell himself and Herbert Hughes, the secretary. No debentures of any kind were registered.

Another gentleman who paid a deposit of £250 on a house which never matured was induced to lend the company £175 on the strength of another man's deposit which was in the post.

The deposit duly arrived, but the unfortunate lender never saw the return of his loan or the hundreds he lost in this unsatisfactory enterprise.

Powell, who had paid a deposit of £10 and had undertaken to purchase the land for £5,000 by December 1, 1925, in the following May agreed to a price of £5,500.

He further undertook to complete by June 29 or forfeit all moneys paid.

An unenviable record

A certain sum has been paid over in respect of the purchase, but we understand that up to the beginning of this month the purchase had not been completed.

It is a characteristic weakness of our company laws that they place no restriction whatever on promoters in regard to the forming of new companies before old companies have been properly wound up.

Mr. Powell is chairman and managing director of Potterne Estates, Limited, a new company recently registered with a nominal capital of £5,000, with similar objects to Crane Park Estates, Limited.

Here we have a new company, formed on similar lines, promoted by the same individual, and operating on precisely the same land as the unsatisfactory Crane Park Estates, Limited, the liabilities of which old company have never been fully discharged.

In view of Mr. Powell's previous methods of attracting capital and disposing of it, the public are advised to be cautious.

AN EPIC OF THE PIT

A Forgotten Black-damp Hero

THE story of every colliery disaster is accompanied by heartstirring tales of heroic efforts on the part of mine-workers to rescue their entrapped fellows, but accident and heroism alike are too quickly forgotten.

At the inquest on the victims of the recent Cwm tragedy, the coroner paid eloquent tribute to those who strove gallantly, but in vain, to save life. Is this all the recognition that should be accorded to such brave men?

A pitiable plight

Two years ago Joseph Robson, who lives at Montague Street, Scotswood-on-Tyne, risked his life and wrecked his health to save the lives of five of his comrades, when the View Pit was flooded and thirty-eight lives lost at the Montague Colliery.

Before this event took place Robson was an all-round athlete. To-day, broken in health and unable to work, all he has to live on is a weekly pittance of just over a pound a week.

The story of Deputy Joseph Robson is worth re-telling. Had it not been for his signal self-sacrifice and presence of mind in the face of greatest danger, the death-roll at Scotswood would have been heavier than it was.

A noble record

Robson was working near the point where the water first burst with a deafening report into the Brockwell seam. Guessing what had happened he ran to the spot.

Thigh deep in the torrent and nearly choked by the deathly "black damp" which extinguished his lamp, he fought his way back and got four boys—one of whom was his own son—and some pit ponies out of danger.

At this point, Robson did one of the bravest things man has ever done.

Remembering that there were five other men at work in a tower level, unconscious of the death from drowning or suffocation which was speedily to overwhelm them, he raced over a quarter of a mile to warn them.

The five men made their way to safety. In following them Robson was again nearly choked by gas, but by a great effort won to the bank bottom.

This accident happened between ten and eleven in the morning, but Robson, despite his sufferings, remained in the pit till five o'clock in the evening, unwilling to go to the surface while there was the faintest hope of being able to help others.

Last year the Royal Humane Society rewarded 600 persons for saving 585 lives and trying to save sixty-two others. The previous year the society dealt with almost the same number of cases.

The crowning sorrow

Robson's story was fully reported in the press. There had been no pit disaster approaching the Scotswood accident in magnitude for fifteen years. Why was he overlooked?

It is not only starving on a pittance that hurts a man. It is the knowledge that others are receiving recognition and that he is forgotten that rubs salt on the sore.

But the men and boys who owe their lives to Robson do not forget. That is why they are unable to respond to sentimental appeals for peace and good will.

The earned reward

At the Cwm Valley funeral 150,000 people were present. God knows what silent vows were made by that mourning host! It may not be possible to prevent accidents like these.

When they occur the dead cannot be brought back, but much may be done for those who remain, for those bereft of fathers and sons and for the heroes of the rescue gangs.

Robson's friends think it is not yet too late for something to be done to reward his self-sacrifice. Although the facts just cited do not offer much encouragement, we agree that something should be done for this brave and suffering man.

The Babble of "Burns"

A Beseeching Offer

A NEW star has arisen in the astrological firmament in the person of Mr. N. Burns, an exile in Holland.

The trustful are given the address of 4, Walstraat, Vlissingen, otherwise Flushing, but a reply to one enquirer came from Firma Villiers, Rotterdam.

Mr. Burns observes that there are "several towns named Flushing, so that our letters are often returned to the sender undelivered."

It seems to us that the return of the letters in this case is a real stroke of luck for the senders.

"Do let me take you under my guidance," he beseeches, "and help you as I have helped thousands of others before."

The invitation is accompanied by the proposal to make a sweeping reduction on the price of forty shillings for a complete astrological reading, and "send you everything for twenty shillings."

The wonderful charm

Then there is a promise of the "Arawaken Mascot," which, according to Burns, is known throughout the Orient as the Hypnotic Charm which develops the Mind.

As an inducement to subsidiary flat-catchers, the wonderful talisman is offered free providing six friends of the recipient fill up the coupons and send one shilling each for a reading.

Mr. Burns is an optimist indeed if he supposes these imaginative outpourings will induce sensible people to send him their hard-earned money. Particularly so when we are able to identify him with the charlatan "Astral," against whom we warned our readers some time ago!

A CHILD'S BLIGHTED LIFE

BLUNDERERS OF THE BENCH

A Hint to the Home Secretary

AT the Cheddleton Mental Hospital, Leek, Staffordshire, lies a ten-year-old lad whose life has been monstrously blighted. And at Southbourne-on-Sea, miles and miles away, his agonised parents are eating their hearts out in sorrow.

Behind this grim tragedy lies a story of official callousness which leaves us appalled, and no terms can be too strong in describing those who are responsible for it.

The prime victim in this unhappy case is little Reggie Ford, who, in 1924, found himself a prisoner in the court at Weston-super-Mare.

Reggie, then only seven, had been guilty of a serious prank in conspiring with other boys to run away with some cash from a little shop while the shopkeeper was temporarily absent.

It was Reggie's father who first notified the police of this escapade, feeling that an official warning would be to the lad's benefit.

He never dreamt that the offence would bring anything but a reprimand, but his estimate of the feelings of the Weston-super-Mare justices was sadly wrong.

The stern decree

Those august personages were apparently terrified at the sight of the little seven-year-old sinner in the dock, and looked upon him as a menace to society.

At any rate, they sternly decreed that little Reggie should be removed forthwith to an industrial school and incarcerated there for eight long years.

We protested vigorously against this monstrous sentence at the time, but the authorities were adamant.

Apart from the fact that it was obvious that the child had been led astray by older boys, we pointed out that the sentence was far more harsh than punishments inflicted upon many adult criminals for such terrible crimes as robbery with violence or blackmail.

We pointed out also that eight years' incarceration would blight this young life hopelessly, but all appeals fell upon deaf ears.

So little Reggie was torn from his heartbroken parents, and the shock of separation made terrible ravages upon his tender frame. It was not long before his health gave way and he was admitted to hospital at Bath, suffering from St. Vitus's dance and threatened with meningitis.

Little Reggie Ford, in the happy days before he was torn from his parents

Still the authorities remained unmoved, though how they reconciled their consciences we cannot tell.

If they thought that they were acting for the best and that young Reggie would be better away from home influences, they must have been but scantily acquainted with the true facts.

Reggie's parents are above reproach and in snatching their child away from them the authorities dealt him the cruellest blow imaginable.

After a long spell in hospital the child was removed to Cotford Asylum, from whence he was removed to the Cheddleton Mental Hospital, where he now languishes.

Now Reggie is not a mental patient in the strictest sense of the word. In the daytime he is perfectly normal, unless one is so unreasonable as to label a child who is stricken with grief a lunatic.

It is at nightfall that his mind becomes obsessed with unseen horrors, and the poor child lies tossing upon his cot, screaming in fear.

The nightly terror

Small wonder that this little lad has become a victim to night terrors after his terrible experiences. We have not far to seek if we are to trace this terrible calamity to its source.

We need look no further than that court at Weston-super-Mare, where that dread sentence was pronounced in 1924.

One might have hoped that, at the first indication that Reggie's health was suffering, the authorities would have seen how grossly inhuman it was to prolong and aggravate the child's anguish by continued incarceration.

Consider that child's plight now. His parents cannot even visit him, and so long as he remains imprisoned he must feel that all people are his enemies and the dread night terrors will never leave him.

But if Reggie is restored to his parents there is still a chance that the little broken heart may be mended.

We urge the Home Secretary to call for all the documents relating to this monstrous case and to issue an order for Reggie's release before it is too late.

A Gross Injustice

Bootle Parents Penalised

TWO Bootle parents have just had a bitter experience in the local police court, where they have been treated with such injustice that we hasten to place their case before the public.

They were summoned in respect of their thirteen-year-old daughter, Naomi, on the ground that they "did unlawfully, wilfully and without reasonable excuse, neglect, omit and refuse" to cause the child to attend regularly at school after a notice had been served upon them.

The parents steadfastly deny that any such notice was ever served upon them, but in any case they contend that the child's health was such that it would have been unwise for her to have attended school at times.

A cruel blow

Without, apparently, going into the merits or demerits of the case, the authorities inflicted a fine of 15s. upon the parents—a sorry blow, since they have five little ones to provide for.

Mr. Seddon, the father, has also been out of work for eighteen months, and his present employment only brings in a little over £2 per week. But the stinging injustice of the whole matter is that, had any enquiries been made, ample proof of little Naomi's ill-health would have been forthcoming.

What answer?

The child has been delicate since birth and suffers acutely with her chest. The parents have always sent her to school whenever her health has permitted, but, as they very rightly contend, "You cannot send a sick child to school."

Feeling outraged at the unjust penalty that had been inflicted upon them, Mr. and Mrs. Seddon decided to have Naomi thoroughly examined, and the result more than confirms their contention.

For Naomi has been ordered away to a sanatorium, where it is likely she must remain for at least six months. The medical overhauling revealed that she was thoroughly run down, and suffering from anæmia, catarrh and bronchitis.

What have the members of the Bootle Bench to say about that?

Dying Woman's Ordeal

Harsh Treatment at Enquiry

A PAINFUL story reaches us from Haslemere, Surrey. It concerns the end, at his own hands, of George Goodchild, sixty-two, a saddler and harness-maker.

For some time Mrs. Goodchild had been suffering from the most dreadful of all diseases, cancer. She had reached a stage when no treatment could save her.

In a sense it was her own fault, for she had delayed treatment. There may have been a good explanation. Mrs. Goodchild may have dreaded to hear her doom pronounced from the lips of a doctor.

Who will accuse?

Again she may have been considering her husband's feelings. He was a very sensitive man, as events tragically proved.

But who shall say? Under the shadow of death none of us is exactly normal.

A few weeks ago, Mr. Goodchild learned the truth from the doctor. The treatment he thought she had been having was all a myth. And she was now beyond human aid.

He expressed no grievance, nor pointed an accusing finger at anyone. His mind became unhinged. He walked out and drowned himself.

Harsh treatment

Mr. G. Wells Taylor, the West Surrey coroner, held an inquest. We cannot commend him for his methods of examining Mrs. Goodchild.

He told her she had been "deceitful," a fact which was self-evident and which was also confirmed by certain evidence which he heard.

"Speaking sternly," says the *Surrey and Hants News*, the coroner told Mrs. Goodchild that when he asked her she denied there was any trouble.

He was very dissatisfied at having to take her mind back on matters most material to the enquiry. There had been evidence of deceit in two most important things.

"If there is anything you are hiding back," added the coroner, "it will be a matter which will always be on your mind." To which we can only add that it won't be on her mind for long.

No law can be justified that causes distress and hardship to the innocent. When the Church introduces religious prejudice into questions of mere humanity it shoulders a heavy responsibility and lays itself open to harsh criticism

A Parson's Confession

by the Rev. FRANK L. JENNINGS, B.Litt. *(Author of "In London's Shadows")*

THE other day I married a man who had divorced his first wife. He brought his fiancée along and told me his story. After a few years of the sighs and smiles of wedded life, his wife had taken a fancy to another amorous male and had disappeared with him, taking most of the furniture with her.

Following several months of search, he discovered the runaway couple living together and promptly brought a petition of divorce, which was granted without demur.

Some two years afterwards he met another young woman, who, knowing all the facts, was willing and anxious to marry him. Neither was happy about the prospect of a registry office wedding. Neither had violated the moral law nor yet the law of the land.

No stigma of shame could be attached to either of them and they could hold their heads high as well as the next.

They wished to be married in a church, for they were zealous to ask God's blessing on their union.

An abhorrent alternative

I listened to their tale. I had all the facts before me. Thankfully, as I am not a Church of England parson, I had no need to run to palace-sheltered ecclesiastical superiors, who, slavish in their adherence to Rip Van Winkle traditions, would have turned down my suggestion of re-marriage of the innocent party with a gesture of horror, adding, in all probability, that it was monstrous wickedness on my part to mention it.

Fortunately, I was my own judge and jury. I married the couple with religious zest. I petitioned the benediction of heaven upon their partnership.

I could have refused to solemnise their marriage contract. I could have folded my hands meekly and preached to them about the "sacred indissolubility of marriage." I could have spurned them from my study as being evil-minded and evil-practising people.

What then would have happened? One of two things. They could either have lived together as man and wife without sanction of Church or State or else have run off to the registry office for a quick-time marriage ceremony.

The first was abhorrent, and the second slightly against the grain.

Not that I fulminate against registry office weddings. True, they hold no attraction for me, as I think a seven-minutes' formal ceremony is hardly fitting and sacred enough for such a serious business as married life.

Fungus-grown fadaists

But that is simply my opinion; I am open to correction. This I do know, that as long as some sections of the religious community steadfastly refuse to face the facts of the divorce question, registry offices will continue to be necessary for the purpose of uniting those who have a just and reasonable right to re-marry.

What is the situation to-day? We are told by some religious schools of thought that divorce is detestable and sinful. Let it be said in passing that many of these schools are not famous for their originality of thought. They simply adhere to opinions formulated by bygone daddies which have been accepted by their order for all time. Thus, they are saved from much hard thinking themselves.

"Divorce," they say, "is sinful. It is of the devil. It is a sign of the degeneracy of the times. Those who view it as a welcome symptom of progress and enlightenment are decadent in mind and low in outlook. Once married always married! Marriage is of God and no authority under heaven can separate what God hath joined."

And having reiterated their hide-bound views, they choose to pass judgment upon this naughty age for daring to press for further divorce reform.

The Church's grave danger

I am not attracted by this stiff-necked, autocratic attitude towards a pressing human problem. It does not weigh with me to say, "This is what Scripture says about it, so there is nothing more to be said!" I don't like this "take-it-or-leave-it" gesture which the Church is fond of displaying.

I am certain that in regard to this subject of divorce the Church is wrong, and that in holding blindly to the letter of Holy Writ she is in grave danger of losing its spirit of generosity, freedom and tolerance.

Let her take care lest in her attitude of bigotry and prejudice she does not provoke more evils than she seeks to eliminate.

This question of divorce is not to be settled by textual and higher criticism of Christ's recorded words. One is bound to say that certain utterances of His were never intended to be statutory enactments binding upon the Church and State for all time.

I judge by the life of Jesus, His anger with injustice, His sympathy for the down-trodden, and in the light of that judgment, I am positive that if He moved amongst us in human form to-day, He would, in those cases where husbands and wives were making a hideous mockery of marriage, sanction its dissolution.

A travesty of religion

He would certainly tell us to apply a little sanctified common-sense to these matters, rather than read into His words and phrases an irrevocable judgment applicable to all people and ages.

Because there are numbers of high-minded folk who champion this matter of divorce reform, it must not be inferred that they are aiming to lower the ideal and standard of marriage. It is not a question of impairing the sanctity of marriage or the happiness of homes, but an anxiety to make law more just and life more tolerable.

Let us hear the truth of this matter. All marriages solemnised in church, despite sickly publicity and choral effects, are not owned by God. A religious service with its accompanying "Te Deum" does not put the seal of the Divine approbation upon the union of two people.

To be placed in a position where one is forced to marry every single Dick and Eliza who come along is not to raise but to lower the standard of morality.

And that is the position in some branches of the Christian Church. In other days, I myself have been compelled to join together many a couple who were morally and mentally unfitted to be husband and wife. The meaning of the terms was totally foreign to them.

A sexual pervert had got hold of a young girl, satisfied the formal requirements of the Church and come to me for marriage. I had, against all conscience, to wade through the marriage service, although I had good reasons for knowing that I was winking at legalised vice rather than solemnising a sacred union.

The Rev. Frank L. Jennings, B.Litt.

It would be ludicrous were it not tragic that the Church should set so tremendous and so utterly binding an ideal upon marriage and yet freely marry those who have little idea of what it means, without any attempt to make plain the meaning of the ideal until after they are married.

The crippling chain

People who sneer and aver that there are many scandalous motives for divorce should remember that there are also many abominable motives for marriage. Marriage may be, and often is, the most grossly immoral relationship imaginable.

And I am certain that there are as many clean and wholesome grounds for dissolving marriage as there are for contracting it. Marriage is a union of souls and when the bond becomes a chain, then reverence for the sacred institution demands its severance.

Is a woman married to a man who proves to be a bestial half-devil, who violates every known code of morality, to obtain no release, or if allowed a divorce, is she to be termed adulterous because she still seeks to know the joy of real marriage? Such a thought is contrary to reason and a reflection upon the character of God!

I have no room for the guilty party. I would forbid an adulterer to contract a second union, but I have no right to inflict life-long misery upon an innocent party, if I can, in honour, avoid it.

A real Christian work

If a wife is bullied and thrashed and threatened with murder I must not tell her to stay in hell until death grants her release. For God's sake, let me as a parson be clothed in the garments of sanity and honesty!

It is argued that if you extend the grounds of divorce you will make it more frequent. I would answer that divorce reform is not legalised to set aside marriage ties nor to engender immorality. It is enacted to remedy injustices, to lighten darkened homes, to restore broken lives and to promote human happiness.

It frees the partner of the lunatic, the besotted, the deserter, the criminal and the disease-saturated beast. It tends to stay the hand of misery and to discourage crimes against the unborn.

This I take to be Christian work, a work which serves rather than injures the well-being of the State, a work which merits my sympathy, gratitude and support.

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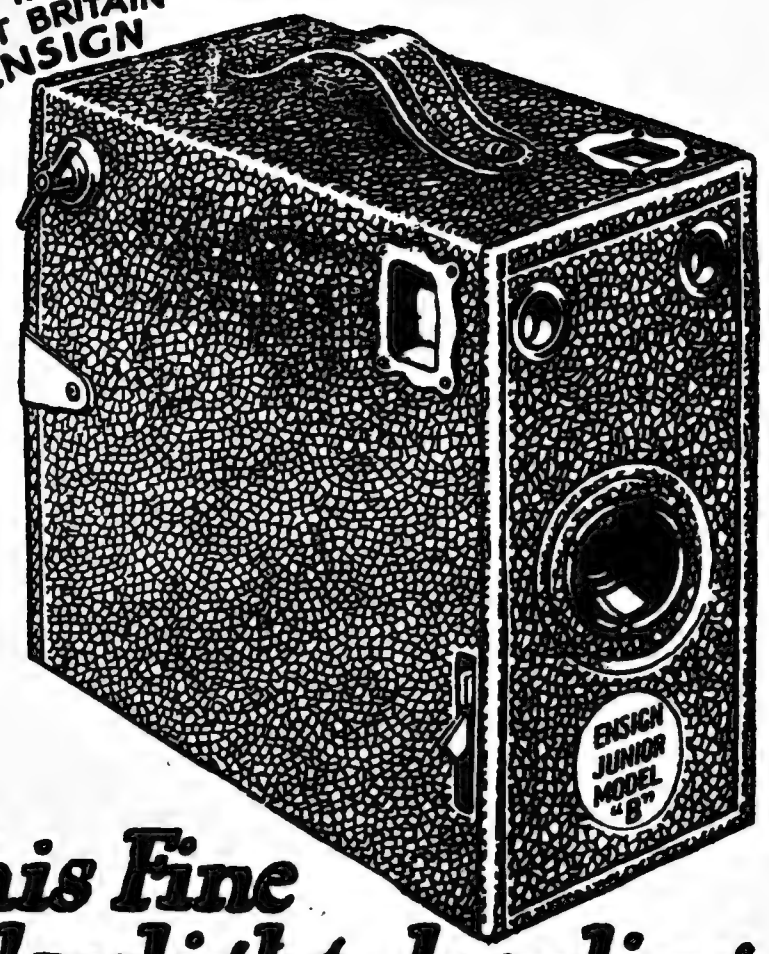

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Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities

To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P., 10, Downing Street, London, S.W.

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,—You seem to be falling into the dangerous habit of attributing most of our social ills to the malign influence of Moscow. It would be better to search nearer home. British slums are doing far more than Russian Communism to breed the evils you deplore. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P., Home Secretary.

DEAR SIR,—The Home Office assurance that for five years "no reports of painful experiments of a prolonged and agonising nature on dogs have been received" is misleading. At one college it is admitted that twelve or fifteen dogs each week are received for experiment, and who knows what goes on in private laboratories? We must have a new Dogs' Protection Bill and make these horrible outrages on animals illegal. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Minister of Health.

DEAR SIR,—You confess that in many areas salaries paid to nurses in the public health service are not commensurate with the importance and character of the work. Strong representations to districts too poor to pay better fees are useless. What is wanted is an occasional grant in aid from your department. We are rich enough to pay more than we do for the preservation of health, seeing what we do pay for many less worthy objects. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, M.P., Cheyne Walk, London, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—Your warning to the Government as to the evil effects of widespread and long-continued unemployment is none too strong. In the end this disease will assuredly bring us down as surely as a canker at the heart eats out life. We want new roads, new town extensions, forests planting, the land made more productive. All this could be done by the army of men now without work. We still have them to keep. Let us at least keep them in the way the country would find most remunerative. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. PHILIP SNOWDEN, M.P., Tilford, Farnham.

DEAR SIR,—I admire your courage, even as I commend your wisdom, in withdrawing your support of a capital levy. You advocated this seven years ago, but contend that at the present time such a tax would have a crippling effect upon any Government dealing with the big social problems which face us. Circumstances alter cases, and it is to your credit that you decline to be browbeaten by the extremists. JOHN BULL.

To Colonel the Rt. Hon. J. C. WEDGWOOD, M.P., Beaufort House, London, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—I agree it is hopeless to expect a real revival of trade so long as the present terrible burden of rates lies upon the activities of the country. Unless houses, factories and improvements are relieved of this crushing weight we cannot compete with more fortunate nationalities. The only sound way for the Government to face the problem is to first attack and solve the awful tragedy of unemployment. Hammer at that. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. RHYS DAVIES, M.P., Alan Road, Withington, Manchester.

DEAR SIR,—Your former experience at the Home Office has taught you that education and crime are natural enemies. Consequently you propose that prisoners undergoing penal servitude should have part of their sentences remitted on completion of a satisfactory course of study. Your Bill stamps you as a thoughtful pioneer of enlightened prison reform. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. AUSTIN HOPKINSON, M.P., Great Smith Street, London, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—I can quite well understand your profound disagreement with the more extreme of your opponents in the House of Commons. But when you refer to men, who, after all, are in Parliament through the wishes and votes of thousands of British men and women, as a "blackguardly looking lot with the appearance of envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness on their faces" you are outstepping the bounds of decency. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. A. D. ALLEN, National Milk Publicity Council.

DEAR SIR,—You ask us to believe that the reason people do not drink more milk is that they fail to realise its great food value. I suggest that it is the price. A family of, say, six would have to set aside nearly 10s. a week if each was to receive his fair allowance of this valuable commodity. Cheapen it and the mothers will see to the rest. JOHN BULL.

To Sir AMOS NELSON, West Marton, Skipton.

DEAR SIR,—Having large interests in the Lancashire cotton trade, you have recently taken a journey to Australia to investigate cotton possibilities in the Dominions. These you found good, so much so that if Lancashire men do not step in the Americans will. That you have completed plans to form a company to build a mill at Victoria shows you intend to do your bit to capture trade. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. FRANK JANNAWAY, Stockwell Park Road, Lambeth.

DEAR SIR,—As one of the ten thousand Londoners pledged to read the Bible through once a year you can boast of fifty executive journeys so to speak. You have travelled in pursuit of Biblical knowledge and written books on the subject. It is all the more pity you will not register your vote at either municipal or Parliamentary elections. Even beliefs are useless until translated into practical politics. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. Dr. J. IRWIN BROWN, The Scots Church, Rotterdam.

DEAR SIR,—You were recently entertained on the completion of forty years' ministry, when many eminent men met to do you honour. In addition to your great qualities as a preacher, you have won recognition as a voluminous author and a lucid lecturer. Since you are of those who do so much to increase the fair fame of Britain in foreign lands, I look upon it as a privilege to add my hearty congratulations. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. A. HATTEMORE, Kenmure Road, Hackney, E.

DEAR SIR,—Working at the arduous toil of water-mains repairer, you found your talent in your leisure hours. Painting on calico because you could not afford canvas, you completed a picture of such merit that its destination is now an honourable place in the Tate Gallery. Further pictures are on view at the New English Art Club. You are a splendid example of the truth that ability will out. Hard circumstances have no power to quell it if only the will to work is there. JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

MR. BALDWIN:—"I never enjoy speaking."
That won't matter so long as you do the hard thinking.

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LORD BALFOUR:—"You cannot be a pioneer without losing something."
Nor a useful politician without risking something.

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LORD BANBURY:—"Have fewer Bills!"
The trouble is not too many Bills but the futility of the few we do have.

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MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD:—"My experience is that the strong language is always the weak idea."
Then try and restrain members of your own Party from using it.

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MR. A. J. COOK:—"London is the damnedest city in the world."
Then keep out of it.

DON'T HIP THE POLICE!

THE AMERICAN SLANGUAGE

No. 1

THE 'FALL GUY'

A person who is always imposed upon; one who is deceived by the most transparent quackeries. A Fall Guy imagines that perfect health may be ensured by taking the nearest pill, and that mumps and appendicitis may be prevented by smoking a particular kind of cigarette. See also BOOB.

DON'T BE A 'FALL GUY'!

Smoke

Westminsters

WON'T PREVENT ANYTHING—BUT THE DUMPS!

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Without Fear or Favour—by the Editor

NEW LEGS FOR OLD!

THOUSANDS of war-injured men are still enduring unnecessary suffering through the dilatoriness of the Minister of Pensions, who still refuses to equip them with the best artificial limbs

MAJOR TRYON, the Minister of Pensions, is just now claiming credit for a saving of £47,000 in the limb-fitting branch of his Ministry.

Once more we are faced with a piece of "economy" which is about as wrong-headed as it can be. It is no economy to save money when the saving results in endless suffering and hardship to men who have every right to have this hardship alleviated by a country which once promised them that it would never forget them.

There are still thousands of men whose lives could be brightened and whose lot made easier by equipping them with light metal limbs instead of forcing them to drag through life with a clumsy wooden leg.

We are in no doubt as to the desirability of Parliament insisting that the Minister of Pensions shall wake up and perform this simple act of humanity without further delay.

We have satisfied ourselves from the testimony of some hundreds of men who have been supplied with metal limbs that the difference between a light metal limb and a wooden stump is the difference between pain and distress and discomfort and a new and brighter outlook on life.

BUT Major Tryon is condemning thousands of men to the pain and distress and discomfort that he may have the "credit" of saving £47,000.

Take the case of a Birmingham man. Owing to the pain he was suffering he applied several times for a light metal limb in place of his heavy woollen leg, but was refused. Through his inability to walk long distances his health and his ordinary capacity are prejudiced. He can, in fact, only get along slowly with the aid of a stick.

Or take the case of a South Wales man who applied for a light metal limb. His grateful country could only find it in its heart to give him a pad to fit on his wooden leg! He must, apparently, go on being worn out at the end of each day.

As usual, the whole thing is a mass, we might almost say a mess, of red tape. Before a man can have a light metal limb for an amputation below the knee, he has to have a very special recommendation from the Ministry's limb-fitting surgeon.

A particularly bad stump, or a second disability such as the loss of an eye or a hand, is recognised by the Ministry as a circumstance justifying the issue of a light metal limb.

JUST what a second disability has to do with it we cannot see, but the fact that the Ministry grants a light limb to men in these circumstances is proof of an official belief in the superiority of these limbs.

The scandal of Major Tryon's "economy" is intensified by the fact that he claims that this saving has helped to meet additional expenditure to satisfy the demands of disabled men.

No doubt; but is this country really so poor that we must sacrifice the interests of the limbless to the claims of the general body of disabled?

Have we forgotten Mr. Bonar Law's speech that "The welfare of our disabled shall be the first charge upon the resources of the Empire"?

Canadian and South African War veterans get their light metal limbs without any fuss or bother. Surely Major Tryon can see to it that the men of the homeland are given equal facilities.

No matter how poor and over-burdened with taxation this country is, it will never willingly countenance this or any other injustice from the Ministry specially charged to liquidate its debt to these men.

Major Tryon must get a move on.

Major Tryon, M.P., Minister of Pensions. Someone in his department is worshipping red tape and forgetting humanity. For the honour of the country the Minister of Pensions must put a stop to it

REPEAL THE BETTING-TAX!

A Miserable Fiasco

WE have always held the imposition of a tax upon betting profits to be both immoral and economically unsound.

It is a moral absurdity because neither the backer nor the bookmaker has any legal standing. Either can default by pleading the Gaming Act, yet the State is taxing both on transactions that the State, as represented by the law, will neither acknowledge nor condemn!

This immoral absurdity is capped by an economic folly even greater. It is simply farcical to expect any business to pay a heavy tax on turnover in addition to all the other taxes that every business firm must pay.

The fact that the State does expect it implies the State's recognition of organised betting as a legitimate business; the fact that betting debts are not recoverable by law implies also the State's belief that betting is an immoral evil to be discontinued and discouraged by being made illegal!

NATURALLY, punters won't pay. Therefore the majority have already given up betting or, worse, are driven into underground channels to bet with unregistered bookmakers.

This means the tax is not realising anything like the amount it was estimated to bring in.

As a money-getter it is a boomerang returning to hit the hand that threw it. Dwindling attendances at race meetings have robbed the Government of a lot of money in entertainments tax, while the Post Office has suffered severely in the reduction of telegrams and telephone calls.

The tax has thrown out of work many hundreds of clerks, thus adding seriously to the problem of unemployment.

These are the economic defects of the tax as they appear to every disinterested observer. Behind the scenes even more serious results are being felt.

THE horse-breeding industry is suffering most severely, and will, undoubtedly, be ruined if this tax is continued. There is a demand for bloodstock at home and in the colonies. America, since the days of her amazing prosperity, is developing her racing.

Some of the £36,000,000 a year we pay to that country must be transferred there in kind, and part of that transfer will consist of thoroughbred stock handed over at prices satisfactory to ourselves, unless the whole business is scotched by the betting-tax.

It is without doubt the most unpopular tax, as it is the most unjust, of modern times. For the dignity of the country, if for nothing else, it must be repealed.

MOVING ON

A Useful Experiment

THE problem of the young man applicant for out-door relief has always been the most difficult of the many which confront boards of guardians.

A common "solution" is the provision of "test" or "task" work. It is not a solution, but an evasion of the problem, for the "work" is designed to deter young men from applying for relief.

Often the work is definitely harmful to the moral of the men, since it serves no useful purpose, and the workhouse has usually to be visited for a number of hours each week.

The members of the Salford Board of Guardians are, therefore, to be congratulated on the experiment they are making. In future single men up to the age of thirty and married men up to twenty-five will be required, as a condition for the granting of relief, to attend regularly certain classes for two hours daily.

The lessons are designed to cater for the mind, the body, and the hands. There are classes in English, geography, arithmetic and drawing, physical exercises, and handicrafts.

In the place of sometimes degrading task work, the young fellows are to be given an opportunity of improving themselves mentally and physically.

A man out of work who cannot use his hands loses part of his life, therefore these men are to be taught paperhanging, rough joinery, picture-framing, and such plumbing work as the mending of leaking taps.

The physical jerks will prevent the running-to-seediness that is one of the saddest results of idleness.

The experiment is a step in the right direction. We commend it to the notice of all thoughtful guardians of the poor.

A Nest of Traitors

by A. G. GARDINER

THE countries which have united under the banner of the League of Nations must agree on a common determination to control the whole production and distribution of arms. If they fail, the people will have good cause indeed to doubt their sincerity

Herr Stresemann, President of the League of Nations, a Committee of which is considering the question of the limitation of armaments

THE exposure in these columns a fortnight ago of the plot for the disposal of 400,000 contraband Mauser rifles throws a disquieting searchlight on the underworld of criminal activity. It reminds us that Guy Fawkes is not a grotesque bogey of the past, but a very modern gentleman indeed, who has taken to business on a scale that would have astonished his clumsy ancestor.

The plot has gone awry for the moment, but the rifles are still intact, and if they have missed one market, thanks I think to the action of this country, they will soon find another.

It may be useful, before considering how this infamous private traffic in arms is to be dealt with, to recall the history of these Mauser rifles. They are rifles of the standard pattern of the German infantry. They should, of course, have been scrapped under the terms of the peace, but they were secretly collected by the German royalists after the war for the purpose of revolution.

Plots and blinds

When the Kapp *putsch* failed and money was needed, they were largely smuggled out of the country and passed into possession of Scandinavian financiers who foreclosed the mortgage and held them for any emergency that might arise anywhere.

From the tangled story of the plot that has been revealed it is impossible to doubt that the occasion came with the development of the struggle in China. Deals of this sort are, of course, conducted through the most circuitous routes and agencies in order to allay suspicion.

In this case the nominal agents were Englishmen, but the real agent was an Austrian who was able to command, from sources we may guess, two millions sterling to secure the consignment.

The first pretence was that the rifles were for Jugo-Slavia, but this was only a blind and the programme was to ship them from a Dutch port nominally for South America and to divert them at sea for ultimate buyers in the Far East.

A trenchant fact

Whether these buyers were the Northern revolutionaries or the Cantonese we need not enquire here, though the fact that the Cantonese ammunition alone is designed for the Mauser rifle leaves little doubt on the point.

In either case, in so far as English subjects were tools in the plot, we were wise in stopping the enterprise; but the fact does not mean that it is not going forward through other channels.

With gentry like Trebitsch Lincoln engaged in the traffic on behalf of one or other side in China, there will be no lack of instruments to carry through any villainy, and the question for civilised society is how this trade in arms is to be suppressed.

With revolutionaries on one side and cosmopolitan financiers on the other the difficulties are enormous. When Ulster was arming in 1914 we saw that the potential "rebels" had no difficulty in smuggling in arms from Germany under the nose of British destroyers.

But for the intervention of the Great War, it is tolerably certain that those arms would have been used for shooting British subjects. And even during the Great War itself the Irish Republicans carried through an audacious gun-running enterprise at Howth.

The most fantastic illustration of this scoundrelism was that provided by the recent war with the Riffs. Abd-ul-Krim, while engaged in his struggle with the French, was almost entirely armed with French weapons.

An underworld of conspiracy

I have reason to believe that one of the agents in the present Mauser transaction was an intermediary in the supply of weapons for the Riffs, and that he actually sailed with shiploads of French arms aboard under the guns of a French warship to deliver weapons for the destruction of French soldiery.

How is the world to be cleansed of this underworld of conspiracy? That is a question which ought to have a leading place in the programme of the coming Disarmament Conference, for gun-running is an integral part of the problem.

While the politicians are talking of methods of disarmament in national terms, the manufacturers of arms are thinking of business without regard to national frontiers. Their aim is not to encourage peace, but to encourage war. They are not concerned with the merits of the war or the race of the belligerents. Their object is not patriotism, but profits.

While this entirely conscienceless production of armaments goes on in the light of day it is idle to expect to extinguish the gun-running conspiracies which are the natural corollary of that iniquity.

The medicine for the destruction of the Guy Fawkeses of the underworld must be administered from above. It must be a part of a general crusade against the spirit and mechanism of war.

The League's plain duty

If the League of Nations is to become a reality, it must not only work for the reduction of armies and navies and for the enlargement of the scope of arbitration; it must put the production of munitions under lock and key.

It is intolerable, that while French mothers were mourning the loss of their sons in Morocco other French citizens were rejoicing over the profits derived from the sale of the weapons that had slain those sons. These things do not belong to a sane world; they belong to the realm of the mad-house.

The League of Nations should outlaw and commandeer those 400,000 Mauser rifles in order to end the whole business. What right has such a potentiality of mischief to be at the disposal of the paid hirelings and the hungry instruments of any gang of mischief-makers anywhere?

To begin with, those rifles ought to have been scrapped years ago under the Peace of Versailles. They are stolen property, as well as a menace to mankind. Holland is herself a member of the League of Nations, and should order the surrender of these contraband arms as a matter of course.

Civilised society does not allow an unlicensed traffic in poisons or drugs, and the man found trading in cocaine is treated as a public enemy. When the nations of Europe really mean to outlaw war as they have outlawed vice, they will make short work of the traffic in the instruments of war, and our modern Guy Fawkeses will automatically disappear from business.

A Harley S

Terrible are the pangs of remorse. Life itself would be given at times if cruel, hasty words could be recalled

I WAS in the throes of one of my busiest days when a man who called himself Jack Gregory asked me to spare him a few minutes. For a while he rambled away without furnishing any definite clue as to the object of his visit.

Mr. Philip Inman

Then, suddenly, he started to cry, and his moans of anguish echoed through the room. It was that burst of sobbing which saved him from complete collapse, for after the storm had spent itself he began to talk.

It was a strangely sad story he had to relate, and it was a strangely sad scene which met my eyes when half an hour later I arrived with him at his home. As we walked together he told me about his life. He was a street hawker. His pitch was near the Houses of Parliament, and he sold maps and picture postcards.

"In summer time I do fairly well," he told me, "but nowadays there are no visitors about and things are pretty bad. But with my pension we manage to scrape along somehow, and sometimes it is a scrape," he added, with a laugh. Then he went on, "I'm really a cabinet-maker, but since that happened," and he showed me his maimed hand, "I've had to give up my trade."

"You were in the war, then?" I asked him. His voice became hard and bitter. "Yes!" he replied. "I served in France for three years, but that counts for nothing nowadays—the novelty's worn off."

As we turned into a side street my companion became agitated again. Suddenly he stopped. "I can't go in," he said, and to my enquiry, "Is this where you live?" he nodded his head.

AFTER a good deal of persuasion he led the way down a flight of steep stone stairs. In that cellar two small boys were running about the bare floor without either shoes or stockings. There was only one chair, and on it sat a woman, pale and ill.

Without a word her husband beckoned me to a recess underneath the stairs, and drawing aside a curtain, I saw a little child, dead. For a few minutes I remained in a kind of stupor. Then I awoke to the grim reality of it all.

I turned to the grief-stricken man standing by

Millions from Misery

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

AT the Old Bailey stands the figure of Justice, with a sword in one hand and scales in the other. Industrial assurance has been weighed in these scales and found wanting. How long will it be before the sword fails and puts an end to iniquity?

I CANNOT understand why that juggernaut of injustice, the industrial assurance system of this country, is allowed to continue for another twenty-four hours.

Everyone to whom I talk agrees that it is a scandal crying to heaven for redress. From legal authority to layman there is a unanimity of opinion that the contracts into which the poor are cajoled are rotten even as contracts.

There is no dissenting voice from the conclusion that it is open swindling and barefaced trickery. Yet nobody knows how this cancer is to be eradicated. Nobody can suggest any means by which this intolerable burden of fraud can be lifted from the shoulders of the people.

Is the conscience of the nation so deadened, is the spirit of the people really so dull, that we are incapable of rising up and—asking nobody, demanding nothing, suggesting nothing—saying finally and emphatically to the Government, "This monstrous evil must cease"?

Monstrous evil? Even these words of ugly significance are inadequate to express the cold truth of what is going on.

Last year, 24,000 insurance policies lapsed every working day, the holders of which did not receive a single penny in return for the premiums they paid, although many of them had paid for twenty, thirty or even fifty years.

Colossal loot

One company alone lapsed 923,953 policies, representing 2,952 policies lapsed for every working day during the year and every penny of the premiums scraped together out of inadequate and hardly earned incomes was pocketed by the company.

Sheer gain. Sheer loot. Loot of such colossal dimensions that the bare figures hardly mean anything to the human mind.

Here is a case where £204 was paid on three policies which, from the beginning, were illegal—that is to say, policies on the lives of relatives who may not be insured according to law. The company that accepted the illegal premiums and that later issued the illegal policies sticks to its illegal gains and refuses to return a penny.

Yet the very Act of Parliament that adjudges these policies to be illegal definitely limits the penalties to which this company is to be subject.

Staggering and appalling

It is "liable only to pay to the person by whom the premiums have usually been paid a sum equal to the surrender value of the policy."

In heaven's name, where is the justice of this? Let alone any question of justice, where is the common-sense of it?

What possible argument can be put forward to show why a company that has acted illegally, that has, in other words, deliberately stolen a sum of money from someone knowing it to be stolen, should not be compelled to return the whole?

Amazing isn't the word for it. It is staggering. It is appalling.

There is the case of Mrs. Mackey. From 1914 to 1925, premiums amounting to £20 9s. 4d. were paid on policies on the life of her mother, although the policies' value was £8 7s. only. The assured died in July of last year, and not one penny has been paid in respect of her death.

How can any Member of Parliament with a spark of justice or humanity in his being defend the action of an assurance company in the case of Mr. Hollett? £178 was paid at the rate of 4s. 6d. per week. The policies were lapsed, and not one penny has been given in return.

"We have never had a grant or any claim from them," says Mr. Hollett. "Only we have been bullied by the collector when we could not pay, and at the end he refused to take 5s. which was sixpence over one week's premiums.

"We had not had a drink of tea or a bit of bread the same morning, so they put us out because we were unable to give three weeks all in a lump."

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Onslow. In 1921 he introduced a Bill to amend industrial assurance law, but the companies persuaded the Government to accept a Bill of their own

If that is justice, if it is even common humanity, if it is even sound business, then it is time we all revised our notions of justice and morality.

Rotten and illegal

Mrs. Keenlyside took out a policy on the life of an aunt. The premiums paid amounted to £44 on a policy the value of which is £9 only.

Regarded as a contract as between Mrs. Keenlyside and the company this is a rotten contract.

It was much worse, however, than a rotten contract. It was an illegal contract. The £44 was stolen money, but secure in the Act of Parliament that will for ever remain a disgrace to the legislature of this country until it is swept away, the company, sticking strictly to its legal rights, offered to return the surrender value of the policy, which amounts roughly to £4.

£4 as a return for an expenditure of £44! Nobody outside Bedlam would say that that was anything but a piece of nightmare injustice.

Let us be quite fair even to one of the rottenest Acts of Parliament ever placed on the Statute Book. If these illegal policies were entered into after the passing of the Act the companies issuing these illegal policies are bound to return all the premiums paid.

Who, however, is to tell the deluded policy-holder that this is his legal right? Not the company. Oh dear no! The company never tells the policy-holder anything unless it is that his policy is lapsed, and there is no money to be paid to him. That is the wicked omission of the Act, that it lays no onus on the companies to tell the policy-holders the truth.

Justice's shame

It is as well to get the whole position clear. If Mrs. Keenlyside, whose case I have just detailed, could only have claimed the return of the £44 illegally obtained from her before the passing of the Insurance Act, she could have recovered the whole of the premiums paid, namely, her £44.

Now, we have the extraordinary spectacle, in this case as in millions of others, of an Act of Parliament making a present to an assurance company of £40 of money obtained illegally.

It is the proud boast of this country that justice shall be denied to none, be he peer or peasant. It is our proud boast that no man shall suffer wrong without the perpetrator of that wrong being brought to the bar of justice to answer for his misdeeds.

British justice may well hide its head in shame so long as the industrial assurance companies are permitted to go their way unscathed.

Street Samaritan

In Sunshine Alley

by PHILIP INMAN

my side, and enquired, "You've had the doctor?" "Yes," he said. "I've got to go for the certificate this afternoon." "But your wife?" I went on. The man answered me dazedly. "He said she should be in the hospital and that's why I came to you."

THERE was a dull, lifeless look in that woman's eyes, and it almost seemed as if another and darker shadow was descending upon that hovel home. "We must get her away at once," I said, sending the man to summon the ambulance.

When he came back a few minutes later his wife was worse, and it was evident that in her condition she was not fit to be moved.

There is a doctor in Harley Street to whom I telephoned in the emergency. "I have a lunch engagement," he told me, "but if a life is at stake I'll come at once."

During the next two hours that cellar was turned into a surgery, and the West End specialist devoted his strength and skill in an effort to save the life of that woman and the child that she was bringing into the world. Everything was against him—the dim light and foul atmosphere of the underground room, the improvised operating-table on the floor, and, more than all, the patient's weak and impoverished condition.

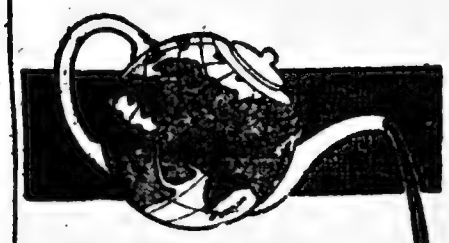
Whilst the life of that woman was hanging in the balance, her husband's sufferings were ghastly to behold. Outside he paced to and fro, and then a neighbour invited him inside to rest.

"I feel awful," he confessed. "You see we had words last night. I told her she was to blame for Lucy's death. If only I could tell her I didn't mean it. It's awful," he moaned again. "I can't bear it."

THEN he walked out and started to pace up and down the road again. Sometimes he would stop and stare into that room where the drama of life and death was being enacted.

At last the doctor emerged. "Is she all right?" pleaded that half-demented man. "Your wife is better," announced the specialist, "but I'm sorry the child is dead." "My missus is better," he cried. "Thank God!"

Then, with the tears coursing down his cheeks, he shook the doctor by the hand. "You don't know what this means to me, sir, but I'd like to thank you for saving her." Then he asked, "Can I go to her?" And on his face, as he went, was a joy past telling.



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Grave Child Adoption Scandals

"BABY-FARMING," in the old-fashioned sense of the term, has been practically wiped out by the operation of the Children's Act compelling the formal registration of children adopted for money. At the same time, it is plainly evident that other scalding abuses have taken its place.

The Adoption of Children Act, 1926, enabling magistrates to legalise adoption in proper cases, does not touch the root of the evil, for two reasons:

First, because its provisions are not compulsory and a vast number of adoptions take place without its sanction; second, because the Act contains no adequate moral safeguards and no test of the fitness of would-be foster-parents.

Revolting cruelty

The ugly truth is that, notwithstanding this much-trumpeted Act of Parliament, adoption remains among the principal occasions of revolting cruelty to young children.

It is not easy to fathom the mentality of people who adopt a child apparently for love, no money consideration being involved, and then treat it with the grossest brutality.

Not very long ago the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children prosecuted the squire of a Yorkshire village who, out of sheer goodness of heart, as it might have seemed, had adopted three boys.

Investigation showed, however, that the three children had simply been boarded out in the care of a woman at a neighbouring cottage, being merely visited by the foster-father about twice a week for purposes of "discipline," applied with a leather strap!

In the one case gone into in detail before the Scarborough magistrates, a ten-year-old boy had been regularly subjected to this inhuman treatment.

A dangerous hobby

Frequently, for the sake of greater privacy, the child-loving squire had conducted his victim to the depths of a neighbouring wood, there partially stripping and beating him to his savage heart's content.

Instead of sending this village Nero to jail, the Bench fined him £25.

At Bury, a kind-hearted brother adopted his sister's child, promising to act towards her as a father. As a punishment for "disobedience," he placed the poor mite's hand on the scorching top-bar of the fire grate. The back of the hand was cruelly burned and one finger injured.

The magistrates fined the brute 40s.!

There are people who make a habit of adopting babies, not as a business, but as a hobby. No money motive was suggested in a case at the Glamorgan Assizes, where a woman pleaded guilty to giving false information to the Registrar of Deaths regarding a child who had died in her care.

In twelve years the accused had

Sir Alfred Hopkinson, K.C., M.A., B.C.L., Chairman of the Committee appointed to investigate conditions of child adoption, and whose recommendations should be adopted

adopted twenty-four children, six of them having died, and eleven removed from her custody on account of ill-treatment and neglect. She was bound over in the sum of £20.

There is only too much reason to believe that depraved individuals are to-day using the advertisement columns of the newspapers for the basest ends of cruelty—and worse.

A narrow escape

A destitute mother in Cornwall got into touch with an advertiser with a view to the adoption of her seven-year-old boy. An agreement had been signed, and the child actually handed over, when it was discovered that the man had not long since been under police surveillance on account of his behaviour with another boy.

In the nick of time the authorities were able to intervene to prevent what might have been a ghastly moral tragedy.

Criminal offences against adopted children are alarmingly rife. In a case which came under the notice of the N.S.P.C.C., a ten-year-old girl, adopted by distant relatives, was made to sleep in the same room with a sixty-year-old lodger, a disgusting and habitual drunkard.

Child slavery

Before her removal, at the society's instigation, she had been constantly beaten and ill-treated, to say nothing of the graver perils involved.

Where children of older years are adopted, the motive frequently, as police-court records prove beyond question, is to obtain cheap labour.

At Wakefield, a gardener and his wife, getting on in years, adopted, by means of newspaper advertisements, two girls, one ten, the other four. Soon afterwards the neighbours noticed the elder child staggering about with pails of pig-food and other loads far beyond her strength.

Subsequent police-court investigation elicited the fact that this ten-year-old drudge, forced to work long hours at heavy labour, had been fed on bread and vegetable scraps.

Easy money

The woman quite frankly owned that both the children had been adopted for the sake of cheap labour, for even the little one could "answer the door," and so "save them running about the house."

The magistrates' sense of justice was satisfied with fines of £2 each, though happily the poor mites were removed to safer custody.

In many cases, of course, money is still the primary temptation. For people in financial difficulties, the adoption of a child, with a substantial premium, may appear a heaven-sent means of deliverance.

An advertisement in a Kent newspaper stated: "Good home offered baby; small premium." Enquiry showed that the advertiser already had the charge of one child not her own, the motive for seeking the responsibility of another being her desire to set up a laundry business for which she required a capital of £40.

In one instance a woman who had advertised for a child, asking a premium of £250, confessed that the money was to go towards helping to buy a house.

A splendid work

Until the Government finds the wisdom to ban child-adoption advertisements altogether—the only safe course—they should be scrutinised with microscopic care.

A woman recently sentenced to six months' imprisonment for grossly neglecting an adopted baby, was said to have obtained the child, without difficulty, through the medium of a newspaper advertisement, from the proprietress of a maternity home!

Terrible as these conditions are, they would be infinitely worse but for the constant vigilance of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The influential committee, appointed by the Home Secretary in 1920, to investigate the conditions of child-adoption in Great Britain, made recommendations going far beyond last year's Adoption of Children Act.

For the protection of such children it urged the compulsory notification of all adoptions, with or without money payments; yet even this safeguard the Government neglects to apply.

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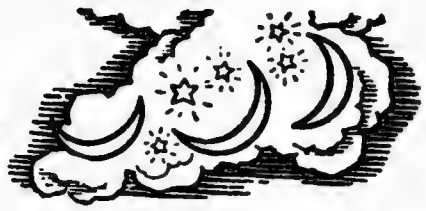

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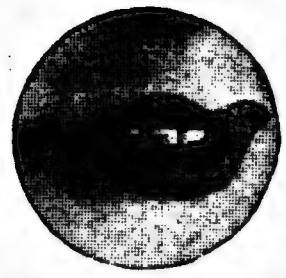

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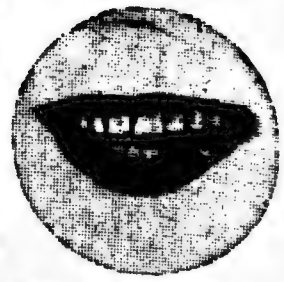

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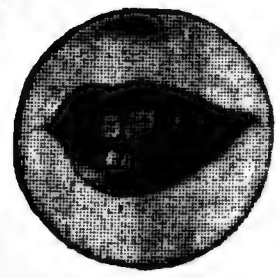

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POISONED WATER: Beware!

by **The Rt. Hon. LORD GAINFORD**

THE public must realise that pollution of our rivers is becoming a serious menace. The longer a comprehensive effort to tackle the problem is postponed, the more difficult and expensive that task becomes and the greater the risk of failure.

What the risk of failure means to the general public is only dimly, if at all, realised by the mass of citizens.

In the past we have been accustomed to regard this question as one which affected those who could afford to spend their days fishing, or at the most one which had to be tolerated, because it was the necessary concomitant of the growth and development of our industries.

A startling prospect

But no longer can the rivers and streams of England be regarded as the chief concern of the beauty-lover and the angler.

The distant water supplies upon which the majority of our large industrial centres depend are largely exhausted, and the time is approaching when towns must turn for their water to the rivers at their doors.

If we do not tackle and solve the problems of pollution we shall be compelled to make use of water which will be purified sewage.

As long as it was the custom to state this problem in terms of fish, no one, except those immediately touched by it, paid any attention.

But now that it is becoming increasingly evident that public health, public water supplies, public amenities and public decencies are involved, the general public must formulate a demand for protection.

Superficially much has been done in the interests of cleanliness by the passing of laws prohibiting pollution. But in reality pollution is steadily increasing. The laws there are are timidly worded and they are even more timidly administered.

The Act of 1876 made it a criminal act for a factory or any institution to empty its sewage into a river, but its ineffective application left room for an ugly toleration of abuses.

Rivers of death

The average Londoner will hear with concern that his own water supply is every winter subject to pollution owing to the sewage which is swept by the flooded Thames into the different reservoirs.

Let me paint a picture of a polluted river. Chemical works are erected on its banks and poisonous matter is poured into the stream. Fish gradually disappear and sickness breaks out among the cattle and sheep that drink of the water.

The sedges and riverside herbage begin to wither, dead fish float on the surface, sewage fungus appears, the health of the residents begins to suffer, and what was once a thing of joy and beauty, a provider of food, has become a noisome pestilence avoided by all who have any respect for their senses of sight and smell.

Some time ago an enterprising business man decided to lay down an oyster-bed at the mouth of the Medway. He spent many thousands of pounds and much time and energy

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before his first oysters were delivered at Billingsgate. When they were, it was discovered on inspection that not one was fitted for human food.

Unsolved mysteries

If the oysters had been passed for consumption, it is calculated that all who partook of this particular delectable food would have been poisoned. The difficulty of tracing the pollution relegates them to the sphere of unsolved mysteries.

A few years ago the brilliant political career of the late Mr. Percy Illingsworth, M.P., was cut short by typhoid produced in this way.

The problem of pollution is, in the main, a problem of disposal. How can chemical works, factories, large dairies, sanitary authorities, etc., dispose of their waste?

Many authorities and business men think to erect works to dispose of it would be prohibitively expensive, and believe that they would have to close down if they could not pollute.

They do not seem to realise that clean rivers and clean habits are not incompatible with economy, and that there are many ways already in use for dealing with pollution which are not expensive and have already been proved efficacious.

It has been demonstrated that sewage has a commercial value; that not only can it be disposed of if properly treated without loss, but actually at a profit.

In Birmingham there is a 5-h.p. gas-engine which will light works and drive engines, the power being supplied with gases produced by the fermentation of sewage in tanks. The profitable extraction of grease from "sludge" is practised in Bradford, Huddersfield and Oldham.

What can be done

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The initial cost of erecting works to treat their waste is not a burden too great for industries to bear, especially when they can be tolerably certain that some revenue can thereby be brought in.

It is along this line that the problem must be tackled, but the captains of industry must not be expected to lead in the field of national health. They must be induced to do what is possible and the only force that will drive them is the force of public opinion.

We must no longer think of this problem as a question of a few paltry fish and irate fishermen. It is in all gravity a national menace.

If we are to have the body of the nation a healthy one, we cannot have corrupted rivers and estuaries that run like poisoned veins carrying destruction and death.

A representative deputation, recently received by Lord Balfour on behalf of the Government, made it quite clear that the Lea Conservancy Board had secured the removal of pollution from the rivershed in Hertfordshire, and similar action had been taken by the West Riding River Board in Yorkshire with most satisfactory results.

Governmental dallying

The health of London, which receives a large proportion of its water supply from Hertfordshire, should have encouraged the Government to make it possible to create similar water boards throughout the country. But Lord Balfour apparently did not see his way to accept any such recommendation.

It is left to the public now to insist that this problem, which, it has been demonstrated, can be solved, should not be ignored, but should be faced. There is no excuse for delay and every reason for immediate action being taken.

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BLOOD AND BACKSHEESH

Truth about Tipping—Power of the Suppress—When Will They Learn?

HOW much justification there is for Sir Leonard Dunning's theory that it is difficult to get suitable recruits for the police force because likely men look askance at a job in which they are liable to be offered tips, I know not; but the arguments against tipping are sufficiently numerous. The chief of these is that the person who really benefits from a tip is rarely the lowly paid worker to whom it is given.

If, for instance, I tip a ship's steward, I am merely enabling a wealthy shipping company to pay lower wages and higher dividends.

That titled shipping magnates do not disdain to accept indirect tips is sufficiently surprising, but it should be beneath the dignity of the Government to receive such backsheesh.

The tipping of "peelers" is especially pernicious, for it is often difficult to decide whether a tip is a reward or a bribe.

I am not imputing wholesale corruption to those miracles of courtesy who even manage to control their feelings when a truly rural adventurer holds up the Piccadilly Circus merry-go-round to ask the way to the London Pavilion, but it is vain to ignore the fact that a "bobby" with an itching palm is often the owner of a blind eye.

There should not be even an excuse for the idea that certain persons with money in their pockets have some members of the force in the same place. Make it illegal to tip a "copper" and let those who wish to reward special service send a contribution to a recognised police charity.

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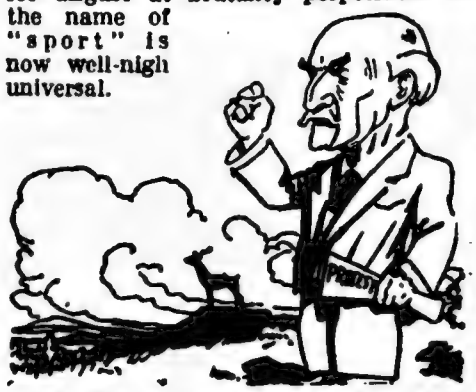
I fear I am in a devilishly iconoclastic mood this week. Not only do I want to abolish tipping, but my shameful Bolshevist propensities even move me to join with England's greatest novelist in demanding the abolition of "blood sports."

All the same, Mr. Thomas Hardy is unjust to ordinary citizens when he declares, "The human race being still practically barbarian, it does not seem likely that men's delight in cruel sports can be lessened except by slow degrees," for disgust at brutality perpetrated in the name of "sport" is now well-nigh universal.



Mr. Thomas Hardy protests against blood sports

Apart from those who object to fox-hunting, etc., on humanitarian grounds, farmers (referred to by Tory hunting squires, when an election is in the offing, as "the backbone of the country") have sound practical reasons for objecting to the whole insane system under which pests to agriculture are protected from quick and scientific extinction so that they may later be torn to pieces by hounds to make a hunting holiday.

The secretary of the Hampshire Poultry Protection Society, who says that upwards of £100 of damage to poultry has been done by foxes in his immediate neighbourhood, recently tried to get an advertisement into a local newspaper offering 5s. for all foxes shot or trapped, but the advertisement was declined.

Hampshire, don't you know, is a hotbed of fox-hunting, so the newspaper must confine itself to thundering against Moscow and the "Red menace."

Still, although some not unduly esteemed contemporaries have to keep their proper stations, lest they offend the squire and his relations, I don't accept the dogmatic dictum of the hunting gent. who assured the Taunton anti-"blood sport" meeting, "You will never stop hunting."

I seem to remember the dear old squires of Carolina saying much the same when plebeians began agitating against the gentlemanly hobby of slave-flogging.

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No, I don't despair of seeing both tipping and blood sport abolished before I become a job for the undertaker, but I really am beginning to despair of certain mine-owners ever learning to see things from the ordinary person's point of view.

While telling of the impressive scenes enacted at the funerals of victims of the Welsh mining disasters, the newspapers somehow mostly omitted to mention that when miners working in an adjacent colliery, under the same management, applied for one hour off to attend the Saturday funeral (neither asking for nor expecting pay for the time lost) their request was refused.

The result was that on that sad Saturday the men declined to go down the mine at all.

I record this incident sorrowfully, and in a rather hopeless mood, as yet another example of the utter inability of some coal-owners to appreciate the most elementary psychological factors in their treatment of the men who go into the bowels of the earth to bring dividends to the surface—and, too often, to meet death.

The Sentence of the Court

A VERSATILE WASH-OUT

Wallops for Winston

WEARING the tunic of a field-marshal and the cocked hat of an admiral, with sky-blue and grass-green stains (pointing to recent activities as a landscape painter) on his hands and a bundle of author's MSS. protruding from his pocket, Mr. Winston Churchill jauntily pleaded "Not guilty" to a charge of impeding the wheels of industry and obstructing the revival of trade.

"With the misdemeanours of the accused as an artist, his misadventures as a military strategist, his blunders as an historian and his terminological inexactitudes as a rhetorician," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "I am no more concerned than I am with his methods as a polo player or connoisseur of hats.

"Unfortunately, however, the accused, in his spare time, happens to be Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in this capacity he seems intent upon marching the nation to its Sedan, Antwerp or Dardanelles. When he took office he promised reductions in expenditure to the tune of £10,000,000 annually and ever since expenditure has steadily increased.

"We are now faced with the probability of a Budget deficit of about £20,000,000 and the Civil Service Estimates are £5,000,000 higher than last year.

"When a deputation of business men waited on him a few days ago and showed how excessive taxation was draining the life's blood of industry, the accused held out no prospect of a reduction in taxation, brazenly suggested that there was only 'a limited field' for economies, and calmly announced that, 'in view of the sombre financial outlook,' he could not even promise certain minor taxation concessions."

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that some critics imagined that the Chancellor had only to remark casually to (say) the First Lord of the Admiralty, "I want you to get along with a couple of million less this year, old bean," and it was as good as done. Opportunities for economies were not numerous, but savings in connection with the cavalry and the Territorials could be promised for next year.

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"It is always jam to-morrow or jam next year," said Mr. Justice Bull; "but to-day and this year the prisoner offers us the usual lemon. I, for one, am under no delusion that a casual request to Admiralty brass hats and others to effect economies is all that is necessary, but I sometimes think it is all that has been attempted.

"It is indeed pathetic that the dauntless victor of Sidney Street should be so easily defeated by unarmed bureaucrats, who have never done anything more exciting than push pens and roll logs. For a man who only recently won the Battle of Jutland (on paper) to be thus out-manœuvred seems absurdly incongruous.

"If Mr. Churchill cannot put his foot down on the spendthrift departments he should make way for someone who takes a smaller size in hats and a larger size in boots.

"A Jack-of-all-trades is notoriously good at none, so I must direct that the prisoner take a vow of total abstinence from art, authorship, boar-hunting and hat-trickery from now until Budget Day."

RECENT VIEWS ON RHEUMATISM

THEIR RELATION TO URIC ACID.

Eminent authorities hold the opinion that there is only one malady to which, strictly speaking, the name rheumatism belongs—viz., rheumatic fever or acute rheumatism, the precise cause of which is not quite clear, although certain organisms have been found to be present during an attack.

But, whatever doubt may exist in that direction, science has proved beyond question the responsibility of uric acid as the pain-inflicting agent in all other maladies which patients call rheumatism or gout.

As most readers know, rheumatic fever in one solitary attack, usually inflicts irreparable damage upon the constitution, upon the heart especially. In the case of all other rheumatic maladies, however, this is not so, although if neglected they are capable of reducing their victims to a chronic, bed-ridden condition and causing infinite suffering to the end of life.

LIGHT ON THE URIC ACID QUESTION.

The crippling effects of the disease commonly called rheumatic or chalky gout provide an example of this, the "chalk" being a form of uric acid in myriads of tiny crystals which have been deposited over a period of years, until the joints have become fettered and distorted.

As soon as it had been scientifically demonstrated that uric acid was the chief cause of practically all rheumatic suffering, chemists and medical men started a series of researches and investigations to discover the most efficient means of freeing the system of this dangerous waste product, and thereby bringing relief from this heavy burden of unnecessary suffering.

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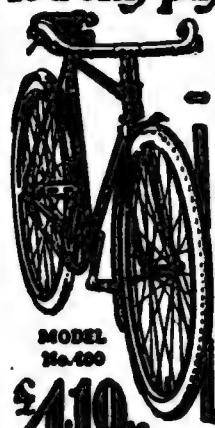

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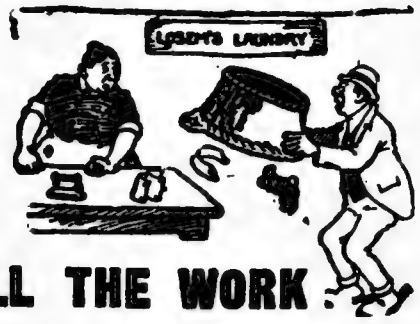

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Words Winged to Women

THE TORN SHEET

by **MABEL HORNER**

NO mother holding her baby in her arms could bear to think that one day that little mite, so dear to her heart, would be found among the "down-and-outs." The poorest mother has it in her power to prevent such a calamity coming about

ONE day before the war, a weary, hopeless woman came to my door. She was "on tramp," trying to gain a pittance by peddling small wares. I offered her a copper or two, but still she lingered.

At last she blurted out her story. She had been on the roads for weeks, putting up at nights in casual wards and lodging-houses, and she was feeling that bitterest pinch of all poverty for a woman—she had come to the end of her pitiful rags of underwear.

I found her one or two washed and mended things. I shall never forget the tears of gratitude that streamed down her face.

I thought of it again to-day when I read the report of the London County Council on common lodging-houses, and the difficulty of providing beds for women as cheaply as for men. Men, it seems, when filthy grow accustomed to that state. Women, "when short of a rag for personal use," tear up a sheet! What a world of tragedy lies in that blunt statement!

A pathetic document

We have been hearing lately about homeless women of London, and the lack of decent accommodation provided on their behalf. This has stirred the public authority to present its own view of the case. The result is a moving document, full of pathos.

Incidentally, it reveals the untold improvement that has taken place in the conduct of all common lodging-houses. Even the behaviour of the down-and-outs themselves reflects the general improvement in manners that has taken place since the inspection of common lodging-houses was taken over by the council.

Roughly, there are now thirty-seven houses for women, containing 1,944 beds. These are not by any means always full, for it is not in a decent woman's nature to wish to live in a common lodging-house.

This makes the present report all the more poignant reading. For who are the homeless women who use these places? Many of them are old people who would,

Sir George Hopwood Hume, M.P., late Chairman of the L.C.C., under whose auspices the report dealing with lodging-houses was issued

in happier times, have kept a seat in the family circle.

They are struggling to exist on an old-age pension, or on their own pitiful earnings, and in the present scandalous state of housing they have been squeezed out into the world for lack of room. The beds for these poor creatures range from mattresses on iron frames to ill-made straw sacks on sheets of corrugated iron. In every case the bedding is repellent.

Equally cruel is the plight of women who work at mean and depressing jobs trying to keep respectable. They come from the ranks of elderly domestics, dress-makers who have failed, lonely women whose savings have been exhausted. They may earn ten shillings a week; they never rise above a pound.

Yet night after night for twenty, and even thirty, years, in ill-health or good, they have raised the fivepence or eightpence necessary to provide themselves with a bed.

If the London County Council is satisfied that there are enough beds provided for such women it should at least see that they are equipped much more humanely.

But there is also in the common lodging-houses a problem of a graver sort.

The saving ideal

There are numbers of young women, many not out of their 'teens, who live habitually in these houses. For a few years after leaving school they have worked as servants, factory hands or waitresses. Now they are prostitutes. For a year or two they eat better food, wear smarter clothes than the woman who toils. But the end never varies. It is first degradation, then disease and death.

Yet these girls listen to no friendly persuasions. They will not work. There we have the secret of the girl who drifts—she is lazy, undisciplined and untrained.

If it be impossible to pull these poor creatures out of the mire others may be prevented from going the same road.

And this is the way. Those who bring children into the world must remember it is as important to give them an occupation and ideal in life as it is to provide them with food and clothes. Even a child must have a vision, or it is lost.

"Why Was I Born?"

by **CHARLES PILLEY**

A DOCTOR of wide experience said to me recently, "In my practice I find that most babies are accidents." The phrase seemed to me to constitute a shocking indictment of our twentieth-century civilisation.

If we could get at the truth we should probably find that most of the ugly ducklings of the human brood were hatched by chance in ignorance and fear.

In some cases, no doubt, Nature contrives to repair the blunder. Mother-love is a never-ending miracle, and baby-fingers have a wonderful knack of plucking flowers from the most unpromising soil. But these happy exceptions are rare.

In the vast majority of cases the baby whose birth is an accident is born to trouble. The problems of poverty and overcrowding, of vice and crime, of disease and discontent, revolve incessantly around the unwanted child.

THE proposal that the Ministry of Health should sanction the opening of clinics for the teaching of scientific birth control demands a better answer than the woolly generalities which too often do duty for arguments in the mouths of its opponents.

Before we can listen to bachelor Bishops and other mentors of the masses who prate about the duty of parents to multiply their offspring without artificial hindrance we must have plain answers to certain plain questions.

IS it morally right for married people of limited means to become the parents of children they cannot afford to maintain in decency and comfort?

Is it in accordance with the principles of morality that diseased individuals should reproduce their species and so run the risk of perpetuating their unhealthy stock?

Is it morally sound to permit individuals with a history of insanity to bring children into the world?

Does morality enjoin that a mother whose health is already broken shall know no respite from the relentless ordeal of child-bearing?

The moralist who opposes birth-control teaching must answer these enquiries fairly and squarely.

If a lingering doubt on this question remains in any decent mind let me recommend a visit to any large lunatic asylum, to special wards of the hospitals, and after that an open-eyed tour of the slums.

More eloquent than any spoken word are the wan faces of the children from whose misery-laden eyes come the damning question, "Why were we ever born?"

In a country calling itself civilised the begetting of a child ought to be not a chance occurrence, but a deliberate, purposeful act, hedged around with safeguards designed to ensure the welfare of the world's new citizen.

It will some day be recognised that the man and woman who blunder into parentage through ignorance or carelessness are guilty, not simply of an indiscretion, but of a crime against the race.

To this wholesome end the last excuse for ignorance should be removed. At the present day there are harassed fathers and overburdened mothers who believe that their unwelcome fertility is an inescapable affliction of Nature to be borne uncomplainingly till the best years of life have passed in a weary struggle.

THE Health Ministry very well knows that married couples everywhere are trying to limit their families by means which are often ineffective, sometimes injurious, and occasionally criminal.

Unless it is indifferent to the public health, it must abandon its present policy of spineless inaction in favour of a well-thought-out plan of popular warning and instruction.

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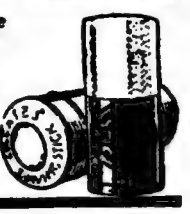

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Strained Sympathy—A Wife's Tragedy—Scurrilous Slander

PROBLEMS that may be yours are dealt with by "Humanist." The names and addresses of all correspondents are suppressed so that the writers may not be identified. Letters that are too intimate or are not sufficiently general to be helpful to others are answered by post. All correspondents must send stamped, addressed envelopes. Ten shillings is being sent to each of the writers of the first four letters printed

"I HAVE a friend who is in great distress owing to the treatment she has received at the hands of those from whom Christian charity might have been expected, but who have sadly belied their religious profession.

"In her youth she was courted by a man who deceived her by promises of marriage, and then deserted her, leaving her to bear alone the shame of the sin they had both committed.

"While her child was still a baby, she commenced to attend a nonconformist place of worship. She made no secret of her sin, feeling that having confessed, she had been forgiven. She was, indeed, told so by the elders!

"Forgiveness in their case, however, did not mean forgetfulness. For something like seventeen years they have tortured her with reminders of her shame, and in their smug self-righteousness have made her feel that she is branded for life as a weak and erring sister.

"THEY allowed her to teach in the Sunday-school, but so far as any other activities were concerned, they have seen that she was not allowed to get much further than the church door.

"If a tea-meeting was about to be held, the question would invariably be raised as to whether she should be allowed to associate with the rest in the cutting of bread and butter. Just think of it!

"Her boy grew to the threshold of manhood, and he, too, was ostracised, and kept out of many activities until he became embittered and went abroad.

"When the poor woman was left in loneliness, these Pharisees held meetings to decide whether she should not be excluded altogether.

"Without waiting for their verdict, with a heavy heart she gave up her Sunday-school class and ceased to attend the services, preferring to worship in the seclusion of her desolate home.

"Did that satisfy them? Not at all! After making her life unbearable they now persecute her with exhortations to return."

"HUMANIST" says: *Such an uncharitable attitude on the part of professing Christians is unspeakably saddening, but your friend should not take the matter too much to heart. They may lock the church door, but they cannot close the gates of happiness. I suggest that she should engage in work of an undenominational character such as that carried out by the Salvation Army, who would, I am sure, show her real sisterly sympathy and welcome her as a fellow-worker.*

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Ch lling Charity

"SOME time ago a former workman of mine, as fine a fellow as ever swung an axe and felled a tree, suffered loss of employment through being unable to adapt himself to modern saw-mill machinery.

"At the age of sixty the only work he could obtain was that of a swine-herd. His duties necessitating constant attention to his charges, he built himself a hut on the piggery, and lived and slept there.

"Many years before he and his father had worked as pit-sawyers for an employer who, after amassing a considerable fortune, died at a great age, leaving provision in his will for annuities for any of his employees who might be in need.

"An application was made on this man's behalf for the bounty, and was referred by the executors to a lady, prominent in charity organisation, for enquiries.

"She visited the applicant and found him among his pigs. He had contrived comfort of a sort for himself in his shack, although his wage was only a miserable pittance.

"This so-called charity worker submitted a report, as the result of which, he was later informed that his circumstances did not appear to be of such poverty as to entitle him to participate in the gift.

"The story ends in tragedy, for not long afterwards the poor old fellow was found half-starved and emaciated, dead from exposure, close to the piggery, a pitiable reminder of the strained quality of some people's sympathy."

"HUMANIST" says: *An exceedingly sad story, the more so as it reached me too late for me to be of any assistance. I can, however, print it as an instance of the harm that may be done by delegating the administration of charity to those who are not themselves charitably minded.*

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A Wife's Suffering

"AN unhappy wife married to a man so self-centred, neglectful, unsympathetic and incompetent that life has become unbearable, I appeal to you, hoping that the wisdom and kindness which you have so often displayed will help me out of my difficulty.

"I am very ill. I have been ill for years, but my husband never seems to have appreciated the fact. When I married him I succumbed to a long siege, and gave in to him really against my inclinations.

"My husband is so selfish, and so extravagant that I have never had enough money to carry out the dreams I always had of marital bliss.

"He spent the few hundred pounds which I had saved, and money provided by my relatives as well, yet we seem always to have been in debt.

"My health has suffered with the constant strain, and my doctor tells me that I need a complete change with rest from domestic worries. Still, my husband expects me to go on and has, apparently, become accustomed to my being ill.

"I have not been able to convince him that I am at the end of my tether, and if he will not help me, our married life must end in tragedy.

"I have come to the point where I feel that I must leave him if he will not show me sympathy. There must be many wives in the same position as myself. What do you suggest I should do?"

"HUMANIST" says: *If your doctor has told you that it is necessary for the sake of your health that you should go away for a rest, you should carry out his instructions. Your husband is liable for the cost of any treatment reasonably within his means.*

Bread and Stones

IF a starving man asks for bread it is cold comfort to promise him a tombstone. If you would relieve his suffering, you must do it while he is alive. Send a subscription to-day to "The Greatest of These—" Fund. (See page 38.)

Reward of Virtue

"MY father, a poorly paid clerk, died five years ago, leaving my invalid mother and myself practically penniless, and at nineteen I found myself compelled to try and earn a living for us both. After a long struggle I at last secured work in an office.

"Things were brightening up a little for us when my employer told me that he had sold the business, but he thought his successor would retain my services.

"From the time of the transfer, my life was a nightmare owing to the objectionable conduct of my new employer. At last he behaved so disgracefully when we were alone that I was forced to leave.

"I applied in the ordinary way for unemployment benefit, but I was told I could draw nothing for six weeks, having left my work voluntarily.

"At the end of that time I applied again, when I was told in a private interview that my late employer had reported that I was a girl of loose character, and that I had left because he refused my demand for more money.

"I have no prospect of employment, and owing to this man's lies I cannot get the benefit to which I am entitled."

"HUMANIST" says: *I am afraid you made a great mistake in not reporting your employer's objectionable conduct to the police in the first instance. Ask for your case to be reconsidered by a Court of Referees, and if you do not receive satisfaction, communicate direct with the Ministry of Labour.*

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An Unwanted Wife

"My sister being a chronic invalid, her husband has for some time employed a housekeeper. His conduct with the latter led to his daughter leaving home, and now he wants me to take my sister to live with us. I would like to help her, but I fear what will happen."

"Humanist" says: *It is a husband's duty to look after his wife in sickness as in health, and you should not do anything which would help him to avoid his obligations or to enter upon an irregular mode of life. If your sister requires nursing, offer to nurse her in her own home.*

A Death-bed Repentance

"For years a relation of ours has lived riotously on money filched from us. He is now very ill in an institution, and has begged to be allowed to come home to us to die. Our neighbours say it is God's just punishment on him and that we should refuse as he may be a burden to us for a long time. What is your advice?"

"Humanist" says: *Listen to your conscience, not to your neighbours. The fact that your relation may be a burden to you, and is no longer in a position to restore what he robbed is no reason for refusing him forgiveness if he is repentant.*

Black and White

"My daughter has made the acquaintance of a half-caste. They are fast becoming more like lovers than just friends. If it should come to a question of marriage, would you consider it advisable?"

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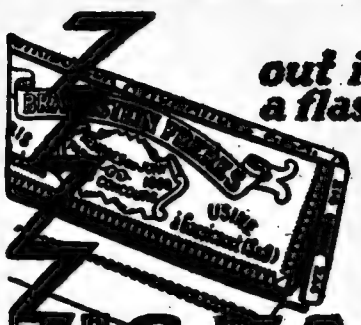

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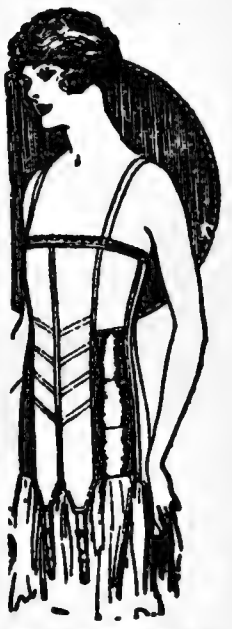

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The Devil's Brew

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War's Folly

We have had enough of war, and we, as a nation, should set an example to others by placing fetters on the instigators of war. Mr. E. Roffe Thompson rightly describes the expenditure on armaments as lunatic finance. This expenditure would be well spent on uplifting humanity instead of sending millions to destruction.—*Miner, Wrexham.*

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I congratulate JOHN BULL on publishing the timely warning against the preparations being made for and the dangers of a new war. Wars are waged for gold. Ordinary people never receive anything but sorrow, suffering and loss from war. The Armstrongs and Krupps make fortunes. Beware of the schemers—bellicose patriots who are prepared to lay down your life for the sake of their profits.—*M. M., Greenock.*

Cooling their Ardour

Even the Great War could have been averted if there had been more frankness and co-operation between the nations involved. What can we do to cool the ardour of the professional brass hats? What about reducing all officers to the ranks at the age of forty-five to make them remember what soldiering means? Would they rattle their sabres or their knees?—*G. Bryan, London.*

Whom Can We Trust?

Mr. E. Roffe Thompson remarks that statesmen, politicians and diplomats are not to be trusted with the lives of their fellow-citizens. Then who on earth are we to trust? Are not the statesmen installed in their high places for one definite purpose, to protect the lives of the people against anything or anyone that may menace them? Statesmen are the eyes of the nation, entrusted with the guidance of their fellow-men into the paths of peace and security.—*W., Regent's Park.*

Deluded Dreamers

Whilst the refusal of France and Italy to join in America's offer of a new naval conference admits of no question as to the warlike attitude of their leaders, it is inconceivable that the common people will allow themselves to be deluded again. I anticipate a rude awakening for the dreamers of a French Empire, as in Italy, where the rank and file is becoming weary of Mussolini's sword-flourishing acrobatics.—*C., Manchester.*

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The Peril of Envy

Everyone will agree with Mr. E. Roffe Thompson that the ghosts of the 8,000,000 dead in the Great War should haunt anyone who will not do his utmost to prevent further conflicts. But would Britain be doing that in reducing her armaments before other nations do so? Every proposal since the war to limit armaments has met with a ready response from this country, but we are still the richest empire in the world, and to be defended inadequately would only increase the danger of war, by reason of the envy of other nations, jealous of our wealth and possessions.—*F. S., Hull.*

The Rates Ramp

The heavy burden of rates is rightly described by you as a growing evil. Here in Birmingham it is announced that the rates will be kept at 16s. in the pound, while, at the same time, a revaluation is being taken with the undoubted object of increased assessment. The result is being seen in the removal of factories outside the radius, and in residents, when they can, going farther afield. Heavy rates constitute a real danger to the progress of any city, and increasing the burden is short-sighted policy.—*A., Birmingham.*

Kinema Crimes

Now that nine years have passed since the Armistice the war is still fresh in the memories of thousands. First you see kinemas advertising, in big letters, "Coming Shortly.—The Immortal Salient (Ypres)." Then you have it warmed up again like this, "The Great Retreat.—Book early." This is not the way to sow the seed of peace in our young generation, but it is the way to perpetuate the seed of hatred.—*A. C. H., Hants.*

The Darkening Shadow

"Send them to Jail!" in JOHN BULL of March 5 was illuminating. "Straight-from-the-shoulder" journalism is always interesting, and when it exposes the fraudulent practices of moneyed scoundrels it affords their victims a certain satisfaction. Profiteers constitute the shadow that darkens many a poor man's home. Yes, by all means send them to jail—and keep them there!—*Reproche, Belfast.*

Printers' Pie

(Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of every item published. Mark envelopes "Pie.")

"BATH AND WILTS EVENING CHRONICLE":—"Cats, although they are supposed to have nine lives, usually have to part with the last one somewhere about their FIFTIETH year."

"LEWES ARGUS":—"A CHARMING fire at 142, Dyke Road, necessitated the calling of the Fire Brigade at 3.16 this afternoon."

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The Miners Remember

The hostile reception given to Mr. Baldwin during his visit to the scene of the Cwm mining disaster is much to be deplored, but to say that it was engineered by a few Communists is ridiculous. The truth is that Mr. Baldwin's Government is not favourably remembered by the miners. The eight-hour day enactment is still fresh in their minds. Baldwin the man is sympathetic. His Cabinet was heartless, and the miners will never forget.—*P. F., Hants.*

Ringed Prices

If there is any doubt existing regarding the profiteering tendencies of trade rings and trusts, the following may help to dispel it. The Lanark County Council recently received tenders for the fitting of 278 houses with ranges, grates and boilers, and the price asked by members of the light castings ring worked out at £14 15s. 8d. per two-apartment house, while that of outside firms was £9 15s. 6d.—*S. L., Townhead.*

Inhuman Employers

Most of the advertisements for situations vacant ask applicants to "state wages required." An employer should know what wages he is prepared to pay, and should state them; but no, he is aware that some workers will take the most miserable of pittances in preference to the "dole" and he trades on their pride and independence.—*W. L., Everton.*

The Bright Alley

When one is apt to become discouraged by looking at some of the sordid aspects of life, reading an article from Mr. Philip Inman's pen soon dispels such a feeling and hope for fallen humanity is kindled in the heart. A weekly excursion to "Sunshine Alley" is a pleasurable antidote to all pessimistic views on the "depravity of man."—*W. S. J., Cardiff.*

Royal Robbers

It was lately stated that the original leases of Crown property in Regent Street, prior to the recent rebuilding, amount in the aggregate to £26,343, and it is estimated that on the completion of the rebuilding the rents will amount to £450,000 per annum. It is thus evident that had the olden kings of England and Scotland not distributed amongst their favourites land which belonged to the people, the British taxpayer would to-day be a tax-receiver.—*J. S. B., Glasgow.*

Greedy Parasites

Man is the only creature who lives upon his fellows, for parasitism is a disease of civilisation. In JOHN BULL of March 5 one example of the disease is given by Mr. Philip Snowden—landowners exacting unearned increment from enhancement of land values. Another is given in the article on profiteering. Anyone failing to make a proper return to the community, in some shape or form, for value received, is to that extent a parasite or exploiter.—*L. D., Havant.*

A Nasty Smack

The result of the Stourbridge election was certainly "one in the eye" for the Government, and a nasty one too. Whilst there continues the scandalous lack of houses for the working classes and also a million willing workers on the unemployed list, there will be others to follow. If some of the huge sums spent on engines of destruction were expended on social services, workers would benefit and the preachers of discontent would be unable to find the soil in which to sow the seeds of their dangerous doctrides.—*W. M. J., Palmer's Green.*

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ASTERUS AND FRIAR WILE

My Finals for the First Big Race of the Flat—and a Long-Shot

AFTER this week our money will cease to be in the air; it will be on the level, and I hope sincerely that all JOHN BULL readers who follow the horses will have a straight run and a prosperous season.

MOST of the big flat-race events are decided on Wednesdays, and this places me at a great disadvantage, as I must put up my final selections ten days in advance.

TO overcome this difficulty I shall, whenever necessary, make use of the racing code which has been a useful feature of this page for the last three or four years. When there is no revision the black-lettered selections in JOHN BULL stand.

I WAS pleased to see Coram scratched from the Lincoln, and Asterus a non-acceptor for the Newbury Cup. These events are only straws blowing in the wind, but they bear out "information" which has appeared in these notes.

SIX weeks ago I was able to state there was an understanding between the two stables that if anything went wrong with Asterus, Coram would be sent over instead. The definite scratching of Coram means that those who were parties to this pact are quite satisfied with the fit condition of Asterus. The non-acceptance of M. Boussac's colt for the Newbury Handicap was not unexpected. The colt is better handicapped for the Lincoln.

AFTER the turn up of the 100 to 1 shot, King of Clubs, it is evident that anything can happen. I know that a shrewd coterie is backing Galloper King, trained by "Snowy" Whalley, that O'Sullivan thinks he will win with Bright Land, and that Fohanaun, the hope of Ireland, is fancied, but they cannot all win. I suggest a modest investment on:

Steve rides my each-way selection, Friar Wile

ASTERUS.—To Win.
FRIAR WILE.—Each-Way.
GALLOPER KING.—Long-Shot.

I SHALL have another opportunity of referring to the Grand National, and before giving my finals I wish to see the outcome of the Hurst Park Trial 'Chase of four miles. This race ultimately decided my selection last year, Old Tay Bridge, which gave us an excellent run for our money. At the moment, I see that all is not well with Jack Horner. Last year's winner is suffering from a strained tendon and although, of course, it will yield to treatment, it jeopardises his chance. I may have to rely on Silver Somme each way.

I HAVE seen a list of some of the big double-event wagers laid by Mr. Douglas Stuart, who makes a speciality of laying this type of wager. I note that, amongst others, my selections have been coupled to win small fortunes, as follows: Asterus and Jack Horner, £52,800 to £175; Asterus and Silver Somme, £64,540 to £115. Friar Wile has been coupled with Grakle, £100,000 to £50; and a long-shot merchant has gone for Gifted and Uncle Jack, £99,000 to £15. I should like to publish a full list of these wagers, but they are too numerous to mention.

LINKS WITH THE LINCOLN

The race for the Lincolnshire Handicap was first run in 1853, over a mile and a half, and was known as the Lincoln Spring Handicap.

Two years later the distance was reduced to one mile, and four years after that the title was changed to the Lincolnshire Handicap.

Only six three-year-olds have won the race, and of these Saucebox, who triumphed in 1855, won the St. Leger in the same year.

Bendigo holds the record for the fastest time, 1 minute 36½ seconds.

In 1871, the only dead-heat took place, between Vulcan and Veranda. The latter declined a decider and Vulcan walked over.

The biggest field was in 1881, when Buchanan beat thirty-five opponents. The smallest was in Saucebox's year, when only four competed.

The only horse to win and be disqualified was Cuthbert, in 1913. The race was awarded to Berrilldon, a horse noted for breaking blood vessels.

WHEN a cast-iron certainty, according to the book of form, is bowled over, backers are told that horses are not machines. They seldom run twice alike, etc., etc. This is perfectly true, but it occurs so often that it is pleasant to be able to point out form which has a touch of machinery about it. I refer to Harpist's two Newbury victories. I think readers will find them interesting.

THE BERKSHIRE HURDLE.		THE FEBRUARY HURDLE.
HARPIST, 12st., F. B. Rees	1	HARPIST 12st. 7, F. B. Rees, 1
GONEDRY, 11st. 3, Mr. P. Dennis	2	GONEDRY, 11st. 3, Mr. P. Dennis 2
KYRA, 11st. 7, D. Dick	3	KYRA, 11st. 7, D. Dick, 3
DUMAS, 11st. 7, Mr. H. A. Brown, 13 runners.	4	DUMAS, 11st. 7, Mr. H. A. Brown 4 12 runners.

IF form always worked out as satisfactorily most of us would die millionaires. It will be noted that the same horsemen rode in both events, and the only variation in the weights was Harpist's penalty of 7 lbs. for a victory at Sandown Park. Hartigan's horse won the Berkshire Hurdle by 4 lengths and the February Hurdle by 3 lengths. In both races 4 lengths separated the second and third horses.

SOME weeks ago I mentioned that the owner of Biribi, the unlucky loser of the French Derby and Grand Prix de Paris, wanted to match his champion against Coronach. His plans have fallen through, so he has decided to have the colt trained for the Ascot Gold Cup, and there will be the usual rush of Frenchmen to see this great long-distance race. All the same there is no great confidence on the French side, and most of the sound judges in France will be on Coronach instead of their own champion. They do not think that Biribi is reliable.

ESCLARMONDE, trained by Denman, is rated the best filly of her age in France. She comes to England shortly to be trained for the One Thousand Guineas and the Oaks, but as the stable seek a line to English Classic form they will probably give her an outing earlier. She is by Sunstar, out of Desmond Lassie.

I AM pleased to welcome back to the fold an old friend which has reappeared with the opening of the new flat-racing season—the Tuesday edition of the *Racing Specialist*. The *Specialist* is one of the few racing papers which does obtain genuine information. It gives winners, heaps of useful hints for discriminating backers, and it does not boast. I think its best achievement is that it has given the last three Derby winners—Coronach, Manna, and Sansovino. A hat-trick of this sort wants a bit of beating.

SILVER RING.

Two coded selections will be given daily in the following papers:
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The code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Wednesday, March 16, to Tuesday, March 22.

"Soccer"

WEEK-END COUPS

6 HOME.—Aston Villa, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Preston, Rochdale, Brighton.
5 HOME.—Derby, Middlesbrough, Southampton, Celtic, Motherwell.
4 HOME.—Preston, Rochdale, Celtic, Falkirk.
3 AWAY.—Huddersfield, Manchester C., Bradford.
3 DRAWS.—Liverpool v. Blackburn, Chelsea v. Grimsby, Stockport v. Stoke.
3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Derby, Middlesbrough, Brighton, Huddersfield, Hamilton.
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Selections

FORECASTS FOR MARCH 26

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.
HOME WINNERS.—Birmingham, Everton, Huddersfield, Leicester, Wednesday.
AWAY WINNERS.—Aston Villa, Burnley.
DRAWS.—Sunderland v. Leeds, West Bromwich v. Newcastle, West Ham v. Bolton.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.
HOME WINNERS.—Barnsley, Darlington, Grimsby, Manchester C., Notts Forest, Oldham, Portsmouth, Swansea.
AWAY WINNERS.—Southampton.
DRAW.—Blackpool v. Chelsea.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Northern).
HOME WINNERS.—Bradford, Nelson, New Brighton, Rotherham, Stoke, Walsall, Wigan, Wrexham.
AWAY WINNER.—Halifax.
DRAWS.—Ashington v. Lincoln, Doncaster v. Rochdale.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Southern).
HOME WINNERS.—Aberdare, Bristol C., Coventry, Crystal Palace, Gillingham, Plymouth, Watford.
AWAY WINNER.—Brighton.
DRAWS.—Bournemouth v. Millwall, Charlton v. Northampton, Newport v. Swindon.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
HOME WINNERS.—Aberdeen, Dundee, Hamilton, Glasgow Rangers.
AWAY WINNERS.—Falkirk, St. Mirren.
DRAWS.—Clyde v. Cowdenbeath, St. Johnstone v. Motherwell.

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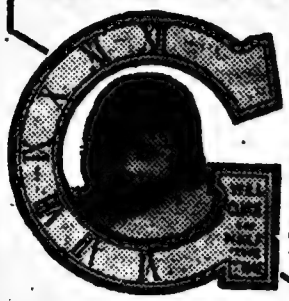

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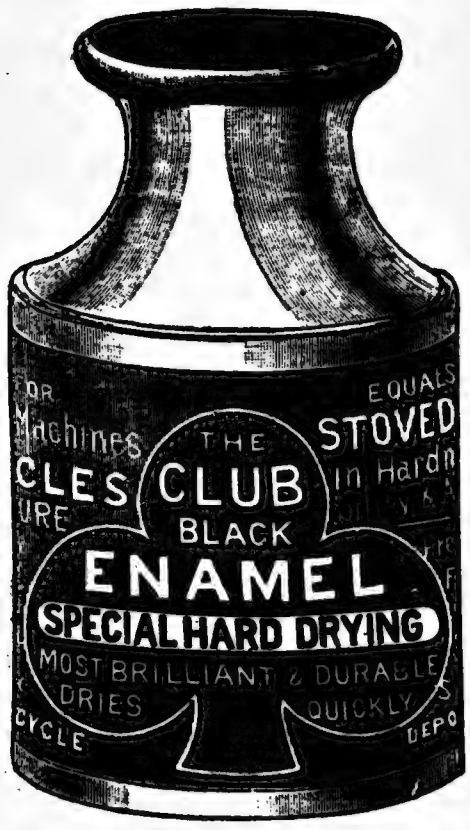

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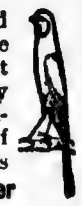

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JESSIE (London, E.).—"I am employed in a doll factory." Do you make eyes?

Miss O. (Manchester).—"Enclosed is the child of my own brain." Poor little orphan!

G. T. (Skipton).—"I dare say you think I'm a blithering idiot." Oh no, sir, not blithering.

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M. G. (Selly Oak).—"Is there any way of making wood houses last?" Yes, make brick houses first.

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H. G. (Hanwell).—"Is it known that King Solomon had a favourite wife?" Yes, she was one in a thousand.

Mrs. T. (Manchester).—"I'm sure he gives me short weight in every bag of coal." So dark and yet so light!

Miss F. (Burnley).—"I want to take up something good in London." Please don't begin by taking up our time.

Miss B. (Kew).—"I positively dread thinking of my fortieth birthday." Did something dreadful happen on it?

Mrs. D. (Birmingham).—"I say put not your trust in riches." But look out opportunities to put your riches in trusts.

K. H. C. (Hammersmith).—"Other animals than monkeys make a very near approach to man." As for instance, fleas.

Miss L. (Nottingham).—"I always fear the silent watches of the night." Then why not wind them before turning in?

B. G. (Colne).—"What ought a fellow to do if his girl jilts him?" Be thankful he hopped out of the trap before the lock snapped.

Mrs. K. (Liverpool).—"My house was No. 13 and I've altered it to 13A." Rent, rate and tax collectors will find it just the same.

J. G. (Wetherby).—"Which actresses make the biggest hit in revue?" Those whose costumes are even smaller than their parts.

Mrs. G. (Pontefract).—"I boil coffee hard for twenty minutes to get the goodness out of it." And we'll wager you succeed admirably.

W. L. (Leicester).—"Is it possible for a man to make money with hard work?" It all depends upon whether he turns up his sleeves or his nose at it.

H. M. (Portsmouth).—"Yesterday I admitted to my wife that I was in the wrong." You have stumbled on the secret of a happy marriage.

T. E. (Ealing).—"If I tell him anything it goes in at one ear and out of the other." In the case of a woman it very often goes in at both ears and out of her mouth.

M. B. (Lancaster).—"Do you think they ought to send a man to prison for stealing a bit of old rope?" Well, it all depends what was tied to the end of it.

H. J. (Eastbourne).—"Do revues pay?" In the long run.

T. J. (Darnall).—"He puffs on his soup to cool it." He must be a Brothblower.

L. F. (Stowe).—"I use my head." Most people do, if it's only to fit into their hats.

M. B. (Portsmouth).—"I'm not such a big fool as I used to be." Are you dieting?

S. T. (Oxford).—"I haven't written you many letters this year." No. Thank you very much.

R. N. (London, W.).—"My doctor has a breezy bedside manner." Does it make you feel windy?

J. T. (Peckham).—"Man proposes but——" Woman arranges matters to make it easy for him.

A. W. (Herne Bay).—"Take a girl's handbag from her and what is she?" Pale with indignation.

L. T. (Cookham).—"The modern girl is just a doll." But she doesn't squeak "Ma-ma" when squeezed.

P. N. (Oldburn).—"Poor old father gets nothing at all." All right. Don't make another song about it.

R. G. (Lincoln).—"I find life a great riddle." Yet we warrant you'll not give it up until you're compelled.

G. M. (London, S.W.).—"When I write my memoirs I'll send you a copy." What have we done to deserve that?

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P. B. (Weston).—"And there I was at the edge of a yawning chasm and——" We've just given a good imitation of that chasm.

F. H. (Taplow).—"What is the origin of the expression, 'a clean sweep'?" Probably a combination of soap and Sunday.

H. F. (Hornsey).—"All delusions are sweet while they last." Except the song of the man who thinks he can sing when he can't.

H. L. (Barnes).—"If a man neglects his wife she's bound to grow sad." The more they are together the merrier they should be.

H. W. (Blackburn).—"There were enthusiastic cheers at the end of my speech." Of course. It was the end of your speech.

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MARY (Paignton).—"She and me are ripe for a quarrel." Then don't pick it, but let it drop.

H. M. (Mayfair).—"Life is full of flotsam and jetsam." We've often heard them on the wireless.

H. D. (Cowdenbeath).—"I often wonder where all the old motors and bikes are going." They aren't.

B. C. (Bromwich).—"He has a theory that men sprang from savage gorillas." We don't blame them if they did.

W. F. (Fulham).—"I go about London a lot by car." You take one of those shilling all-day tickets, we suppose.

T. B. (Ely).—"I returned from a trip round the world weighing three stone heavier." Travel is very broadening.

K. T. (Wood Green).—"I played a sustained note on a cornet for ninety-five seconds. Is this a record?" We hope so.

F. B. (St. Albans).—"I read your paper every week—every word of it." We can hear the hoarse cheers of the printers.

G. T. (Harrow).—"He sings in a most extraordinary way when he's in the bathroom." Perhaps he's gargling against the 'flu.

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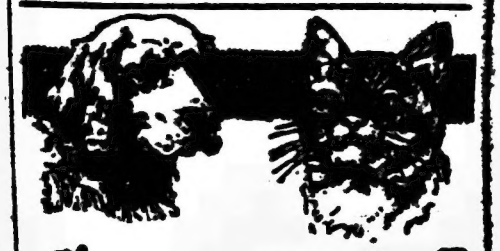

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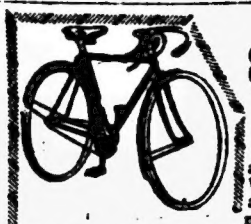

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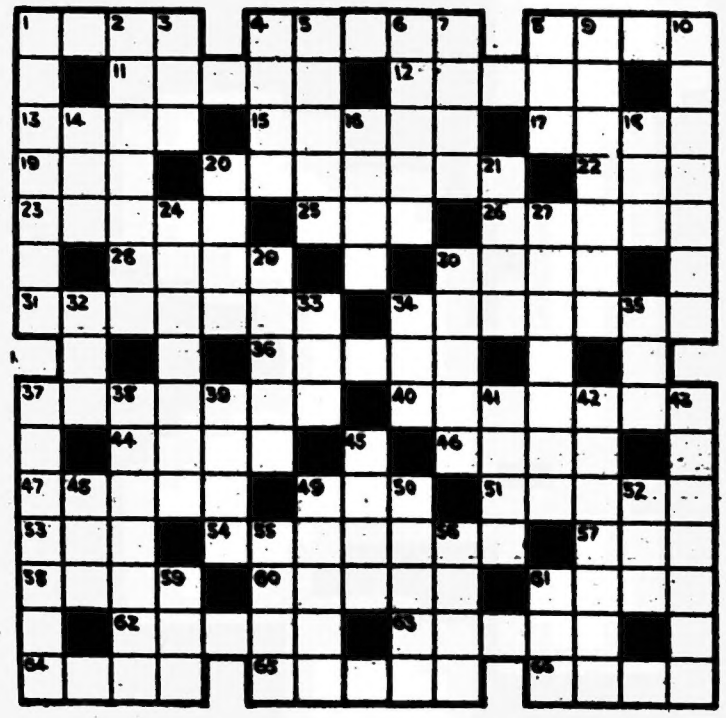

CLUES DOWN

1. Of the first rank.
2. Undergraduate.
3. Headgear.
4. Heavenly body.
5. A kind of watch.
6. Wept.
7. Brick oven.
8. Seated.
9. A bunch.
10. Purge.
14. A flying mammal.
16. To assert.
18. Reward for service.
20. A fruit.
21. Not slack.
24. The biscuit town.
27. One entitled to a franchise.
29. To babble.
30. Pertaining to the poles.
32. Past.
33. Shade.
34. Crow's call.
35. Refreshment house.
37. A fever.
38. Inactive.
39. A tax.
41. Origin.
42. To install.
43. A confection.
45. Passport endorsement.
48. Part of the verb "to be."
49. Wide stream.
50. Means.
52. Elongated fish.
55. A pause.
56. A hundred.
59. The low of a cow.
61. The deity.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Money.
4. Smart.
8. Vapoury clouds.
11. One of the senses.
12. Competitor.
13. To border.
15. Advantage.
17. Clump.
19. Sorrowful.
20. To thwart.
22. Observe.
23. French unit for solid measure.
25. Colour.
26. Subsequent.
28. Lowest tide.
30. Clean.
31. A cold.
34. A clique.
36. Pertaining to the ear.
37. Dressmaker.
40. Heating.
44. One time.
46. Sheep-skin leather.
47. In music, slow.
49. Edge.
51. Violent attack.
53. A limb.
54. To cut into three.
57. Raised sand.
58. Paper measure.
60. Dodge.
61. A fete.
62. Much sound.
63. Bar of metal.
64. High voice.
65. To entertain.
66. French for "two."

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Example :—SMILING
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Example :—IMAGINARY
Bullet :—BRITANNIA—BUT "ALL THERE."

FOURTH PRIZE OF £10:
Mr. J. PATON, 13, Victoria Square, Perrydot.
Example :—FLY IN THE OINTMENT
Bullet :—DOMESTIC "SAMENESS" CAUSING "DIFFERENCES."

FIFTH PRIZE OF £10:
Mrs. A. HIGGINS, 45, Annsley Crescent, Glasgow.
Example :—THINGS OF VALUE
Bullet :—BEAUTY—[illegible] HIS.

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Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 632.

THE BRITISH WAY
FRUITS OF LABOUR
VOICE OF THE PEOPLE
TOMMY'S JOB
AT THE NEXT ELECTION
SOMEWHERE
A BIG GUN
PEACE DOVE
WHAT THE GINNARAR SAID
THE SPRING
MARRIED YESTERDAY
SEEN IN THE PAPER
POOR FATHER
PRICE WE PAY
IN BUSINESS
SAID TO HIS WIFE
DREADFUL
MOTHER KNOWS
WAY TO WIN
TRIFLE AWKWARD
TIME WELL SPENT
GETTING TOGETHER
GRATEFULLY
AT HER HAIRDRESSER'S
THE SLUMS
A MILLION TO ONE
FALSE MOVE
BEHIND HIS BACK
LIKE ME
MISTAKE SHE MADE
LOVE AND MONEY
WHEN NATURE AWAKES
NEW SERVANT
PASSING
WITHOUT A SMILE
I'M AFRAID
IF TOBACCO WERE PROHIBITED
HEARD IN BARRACKS
INSULTING
WHAT IS SENSE?

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Example _____
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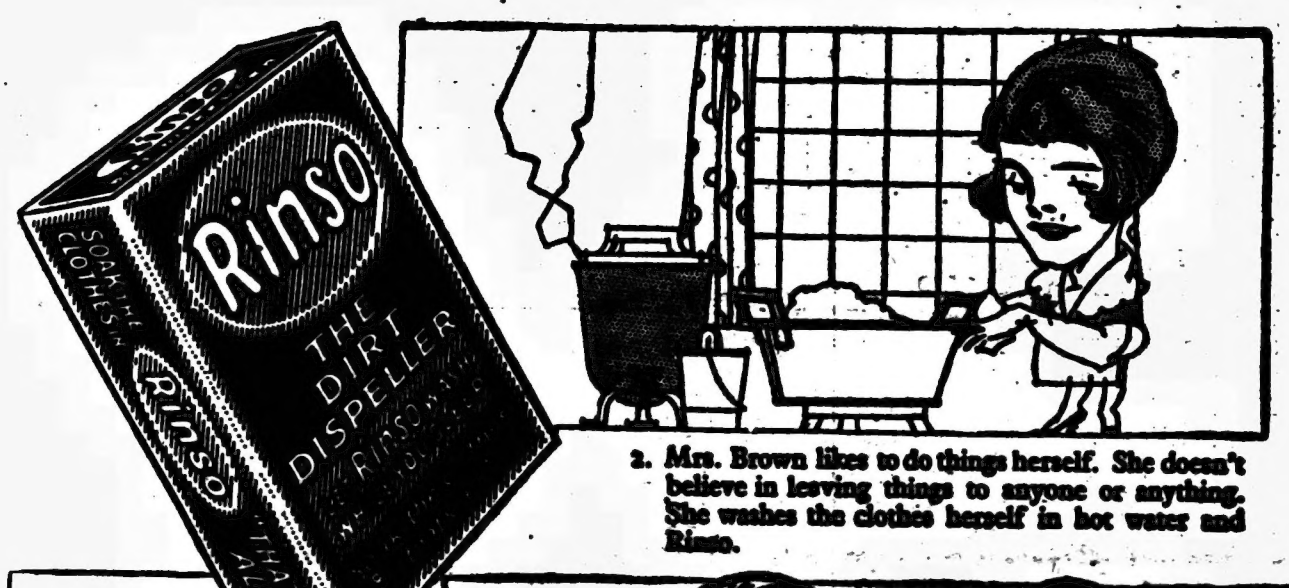
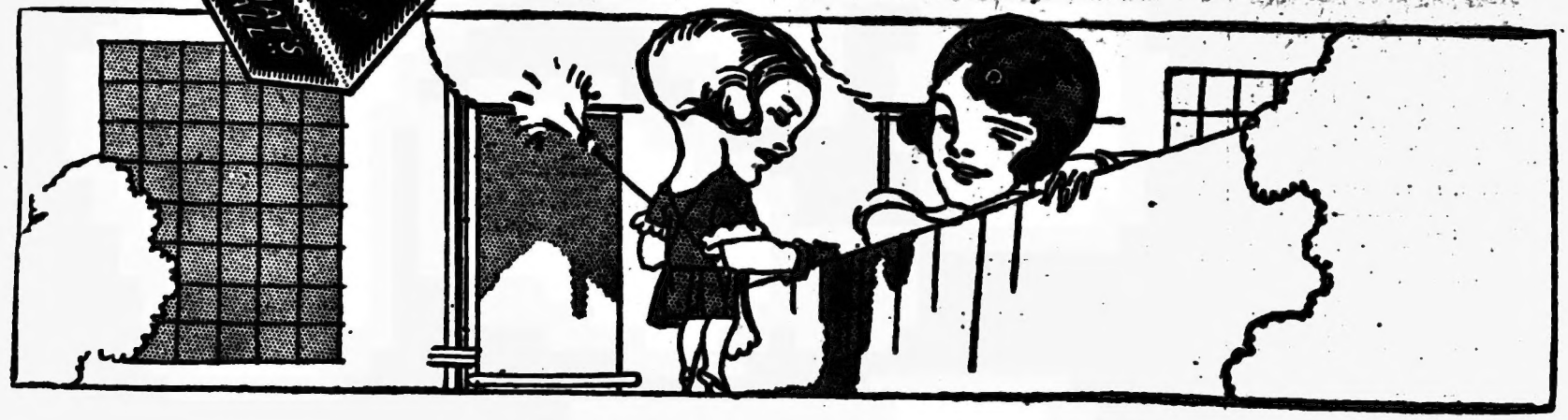


2. Mrs. Brown likes to do things herself. She doesn't believe in leaving things to anyone or anything. She washes the clothes herself in hot water and Rinso.



3. Nothing will persuade Mrs. Robinson that boiling isn't necessary. She tells Mrs. Smith so, after she has put the white things into the boiler with Rinso.

Rinso

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